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Federal agents summon Luhk sisters' grandparents, mother

» Family, relatives aware that questioning them is part of investigation process
» Islandwide search continues

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REPORTER

Federal agents summoned to a meeting yesterday the grandparents and mother of missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk, with the family and relatives accepting that any of them can be "person of interests" in the investigation process.

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Jerica Berki, left, Jayveann Mullican, and Jayce Mullican light candles and place cookies yesterday on a drainage cement slab near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo where Faloma and Maleina Luhk were reportedly last seen Wednesday last week. Jayveann Mullican and Jerica Berki used to be classmates of Maleina when they were in first grade.

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IT&E offers \$1K reward for info on missing girls

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IT&E is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the two girls who went missing Wednesday morning near their As Teo residence.

Rose Soledad, regional controller, said Saturday that IT&E would like to be involved in the search efforts for Faloma Luhk and Maleina Luhk.

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AS PART OF FEDERALIZATION LAW MANDATE ON INTERIOR

Up to \$1M to help grow NMI economy and train US citizens

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Six months after a forum on economic and labor development, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has committed up to \$1 million in financial aid for the CNMI to be able to develop an economic revitalization program and train U.S. citizens.

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2011 MEMORIAL DAY

'Celebrate courage, dedication, sacrifice'

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CNMI veteran Tony Cabrera, who was with the U.S. Marine Corps for 28 years, couldn't help but be poignant even under the sweltering heat of yesterday's morning sun.

"It is always a touching moment in everyone's lives when we come together to honor our fallen and living comrades," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

"They do a very worthy sacrifice in defending our nation's freedom, liberty, and democracy."

Boss Alvarez, son of Marine Cpl. Raymond "Bo" Frank Alvarez who was on tour during the Vietnam War and passed away a week ago, felt the same.

"I very much appreciate that even though our father served so long ago in an unpopular war, his service for the country is always remembered."

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Teacher Emy Quitugua places flowers, candles, and juice drinks at a relative's tomb during a Memorial Day ceremony yesterday morning at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

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SPEAKER CALLS FOR COOPERATION**Saipan casino bill public hearings start tonight**

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The first of six public hearings on a controversial local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan will be held at 6pm at the Legislature on Capital Hill tonight.

At the same time, House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said only through cooperation between the House and Senate will another partial government shutdown be avoided.

The Senate said legalizing casino gambling through a local bill instead of a House or Senate bill or through initiative is

"unconstitutional," and vowed to take the matter to court.

But Cabrera said if there's overwhelming support from the public on the legalization of casino gambling, then lawmakers have to respect this sentiment.

"We will be facing further hardships come fiscal year 2011 because the projected resources will only be \$102 million. Imagine the drop from the \$132 million just this fiscal year, which was brought down to \$122 million, and then to \$102 million," he said in an interview.



Cabrera

Saipan voters had twice rejected casino operations on Saipan, but other House members said the economy has gotten gone so far downhill that the CNMI urgently needs to develop new industries.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Ways and Means will be jointly holding the public hearings, which will also be held in Garapan, Tanapag, Dandan,

Kagman, and Susupe.

The public hearings will be from May 31 to June 13.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the delegation's JGO Committee, invited the public to let their voices heard on the casino issue.

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) earlier said the list of those asked to testify at the public hearings does not include individuals who would be able to share their knowledge and answer questions related to the constitutionality of Torres' House Local Bill 17-44.

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Fitial wants CNMI included in Amber Alert program



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Members of the Okinawa delegation pose with local dignitaries after the 42nd annual memorial service at the Tower of Okinawa in Marpi yesterday.

Okinawa delegation holds 42nd memorial service

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Offerings of food, incense, and prayers marked the 42nd annual memorial service of the Okinawa delegation at the Tower of Okinawa in Marpi on Monday.

Urazoe City Mayor Mitsuo Gima, Okinawa Prefectural Assembly chair Zenshin Takamine, Micronesia Repatriation Association Zenichi Taira, and Bereaved Family United Association representatives Susumu Akamine and Yoshio Miyagi led the 65-member delegation during the

memorial service.

The ceremony was also attended by dignitaries, including Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Japan Consul Tsutomu Higuchi, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, House Speaker Eli Cabrera, Reps. Stanley Torres, Joseph Palacios and Edmund Villagomez, and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores.

Gima, through interpreter Hiroko Tajima of Pacific Development Inc., told reporters yesterday that their group appreciates and feels "really touched" by the good friendship and participation of the

people of Saipan for the annual memorial service.

"We've been doing this memorial service for a long time and we always have participation from the local side," he said, adding that the local community also helps maintain the Tower of Okinawa where they hold the memorial service.

Tajima said the Japanese delegation will also conduct the 34th annual memorial service on Tinian at the Tower of Okinawa on the Carolinas Plateau.

Some of the members, Tajima said, will also visit Rota for an overnight trip.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday he will initiate a request for the CNMI's official inclusion in the Amber Alert Program, which he said will be a big help when there are cases of child abduction just like in the ongoing search for sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk of As Teo.

The sisters, aged 9 and 10, have been reported missing since Wednesday, May 25, which was National Missing Children's Day.

The Amber Alert Program, named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies, broadcasters, and transportation agencies to

activate an urgent bulletin in serious child-abduction cases.

It works by instantly galvanizing the entire community to assist in the search for and safe recovery of children.

Fitial said Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan should work to include the CNMI in the Amber Alert Program, which he said is like other national programs which still exclude the CNMI.

He said the Amber Alert Program is "just like the statute that precludes the CNMI from engaging in shipyard businesses. That statute only allows Guam."

But while Sablan should be the one to be working on this, Fitial said he will initiate the request to make it happen.

"We just have to follow the

proper procedure to get included. We're not included and you know that," he told reporters in an interview at the Memorial Day 2011 ceremony yesterday at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Fitial, at the same time, said he heard of anonymous groups planning to donate "reward money" in locating the two missing girls, but this has yet to be confirmed. Fitial said this could be outside of the NMI Crime Stoppers program, which rewards up to \$1,000 for anonymous tips leading to the arrest of person(s) in connection with crimes.

He said this is one of the times when young community members have been reported missing for days.

MPLT sues man for \$54K loan in '98

The Marianas Public Land Trust is suing a man who is now reportedly residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, for allegedly failing to pay a 1998 loan that now totals \$54,279.96.

MPLT, through counsel Robert T. Torres, sued James D. Cabrera for breach of contract, conversion, and unjust enrichment.

As of Jan. 27, 2011, Cabrera owes MPLT \$53,277.35 in principal balance, \$669.25 in interest, and \$333.36 in unpaid fees, for a total of \$54,279.96, Torres said.

Torres asked the Superior Court to order the foreclosure of the mortgaged property consisting of 865 square meters of land on Saipan.

The lawyer asked the court that the proceeds of the sale on the property be applied to satisfy the balance payment.

Torres stated in the complaint that on Nov. 12, 1998, Cabrera executed a loan agreement with MPLT in the amount of \$54,000. Cabrera allegedly failed to make the monthly payments.

"Plaintiff has been damaged by defendant's breach to the extent of at least \$54,279.96, as of Jan. 27, 2011," Torres said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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This is a one-time grant from OIA's existing technical assistance and other scarce resources.

The Interior, through Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta, released on Friday its report on the results of the Nov. 9, 2010, forum.

Providing a technical assistance program for the CNMI is among the requirements of U.S. Public Law 110-229 that placed CNMI immigration under federal control. This program should be in consultation with the CNMI governor and the secretaries of Labor and Commerce.

OIA's Babauta held a forum on Saipan last year to gather input and advice to begin the process of developing and implementing the technical assistance program.

PL 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act does not appropriate funds for the aid it mandates. But

in the 17-page Interior report, a copy of which *Saipan Tribune* obtained yesterday, Interior says OIA has committed up to \$1 million in financial aid, from existing technical assistance funds, to fulfill the requirements of the CNRA.

Other business community members want to know whether the OIA funding will be handled by the CNMI government, or portions of it will also be handled by the private sector.

The Interior report says OIA funds will be devoted to two main programs: (a) assisting the CNMI to develop an economic revitalization program as Gov. Benigno R. Fitial suggested, and (b) enabling the CNMI government to work with local agencies and non-profit organizations to provide on-the-job training for eligible U.S. workers.

Fitial, when asked for comment yesterday, said he will soon be responding in writing to OIA's report. He declined to comment on it at this time.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members, also

has yet to comment on the OIA report. Chamber members were among those who attended the invitation-only forum.

Chamber president Douglas Brennan, in a phone interview, said he has yet to see a copy of the report.

"I'm very interested in looking at it," he said.

Target areas

Using the forum's list as the guide, OIA designated areas of the economy and the labor market for technical assistance grants that would generate the greatest possible benefit for the CNMI.

These are tourism, the labor market, and renewable energy/agriculture/aquaculture.

OIA cites tourism as the CNMI's largest income source and has growth potential, while the labor market currently relies on foreign labor and whose stability is crucial to the transition and beyond.

By developing renewable energy, agriculture and aquaculture, the CNMI will be able to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, contribute to the food sup-

ply, and create jobs.

"OIA's technical assistance will be committed to these areas," the report says.

Other areas of concern

Although not the first priority, OIA has identified other areas of concern: healthcare industry, education, transport, and communication.

Forum participants also listed support for and against Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, which limits ownership of land to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

"Article 12 has often been the subject of debate between proponents and opponents and resolving any aspect of it is best left to the CNMI," the report says.

It also says the implementation of federal immigration and border security controls in the CNMI has been a major undertaking.

"The FELD held on Saipan and this report are the steps for the federal government, the CNMI and local stakeholders to work together and forge ahead toward a common goal of growing and diversifying the CNMI

economy," it says.

For federal aid considerations

At the November forum, participants provided a list of areas for federal aid considerations, including subsidy for shipping costs and the promotion of education tourism.

For example, they suggested subsidy for shipping costs to, from, and within the CNMI. This aid would reduce shipping costs and promote the CNMI as a strategic regional transshipment location to serve Japan, the Philippines, Micronesia, Australia, and the United States.

The forum also suggested that the purchase of vehicles or vessels be subsidized to reduce shipping costs.

It also suggested that subsidized air service may encourage foreign carriers to establish bases in the CNMI and explore regional cargo revenue opportunities.

As valid and legitimate as these issues are, the Interior report says "they lie largely outside the scope of the technical assistance program mandated by the CNRA and the fiscal capacity of OIA."

IT&E

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Witnesses reportedly spotted the sisters sitting across from the bus stop on a drainage cement slab around 6:10am. Police learned that the girls missed their 6:30am bus. Faloma Luhk, 10, was last seen wearing a white blouse and a pair of blue jeans while Maleina Luhk, 9, was last seen wearing a light green shirt with a butterfly design and blue jeans.

Soledad said in a phone interview that news about the two missing sisters greeted her upon her arrival at the

Saipan International Airport last Saturday from an off-island business trip.

"We are saddened by what happened to these two girls so the whole IT&E team came together and decided to help out," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Soledad, wireless/marketing supervisor Veronica Acosta is spearheading the communication between IT&E and the family members of the two girls.

Acosta said IT&E also donated on Saturday two cellular lines dedicated to the search efforts after family members informed them that they have been receiving many calls relating to the search through their home number.

"They wanted a second line so we basically donated a cellular line to them. It's something that they can use to take with them and use to be in contact with other people, particularly the search volunteers. We want to help as much as we can," she said.

One of the two cellular lines, with the number 285-4048, is being used by volunteers themselves. "People who want to volunteer for the search efforts or have any information about the two girls can call this number," Acosta said.

Soledad and Acosta separately expressed hope that the two girls will be found soon. "I hope they come home safe to their family," added Soledad.

AGENTS

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Florence Kirby, the girls' grandaunt, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that federal agents summoned grandparents Elbert Quitugua and Jane Quitugua and mother Jermain Quitugua.

Kirby said she has no information whether it was the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other federal law enforcement agencies that talked with the Quitugas. Federal agents went to the farm and the Quitugas later went with them, she added.

When *Saipan Tribune* called the family's residence in As Teo at 4:50pm yesterday, Jermain Quitugua answered the phone and stated she had just returned. She told *Saipan Tribune* to visit the house as she does not want to talk over the phone. She also stated that her father, Elbert Quitugua, was not available for an interview.

Elbert and Jane Quitugua have been taking care of the Luhk sisters for over three years now. Jermain Quitugua, who is now based in Guam, came to Saipan Thursday night after learning of the disappearance of her daughters. The girls' father, former Saipan police officer Ruhtick Luhk, is reportedly now in Pohnpei.

Saipan Tribune and KSPN had gone to the house of Elbert Quitugua's mother in As Teo yesterday after Kirby called to inform that Elbert Quitugua and the family will hold a press conference at noon to call for more help and to thank the volunteers and the community for their assistance in trying to locate sisters Faloma, 10, and Maleina, 9.

Upon arriving at the residence, however, Kirby told *Saipan Tribune* that Elbert, Jane, and Jermain Quitugua had just left 30 minutes ago after federal agents summoned them.

Kirby said she has no information as to what time the three would return home.

The Quitugas were supposed to appeal to the public for help during the aborted press conference, Kirby said.

"Time is really of the essence, especially in a kidnapping. The 24-hour critical time from the time they went missing is way past," she said. "But we're not giving up hope."

Kirby said they have been receiving several leads, but the gravity of the situation has not prevented some people from making prank calls.

She recalled that on Saturday at 8pm, they proceeded to As Matuis after receiving a call that there were a lot of police officers in the area. Kirby said the family and relatives checked the place, only to learn that nothing was going on.

The girls' aunt, Anicia Tomokane, said they are all being questioned by law enforcers and they all understand that this is part of the investigation process.

Tomokane said those who feel uncomfortable about being questioned should not take it personally and not get offended as it's a normal investigation procedure.

"I encourage them to have an open heart because the more we allow to be questioned or searched, the faster these people will get their investigation accomplished," she said.

Tomokane is optimistic that the two girls are alive, but that they are concerned now for their well-being. "This is the pain now—their well-being."

Acting Department of Public Safety commissioner Ramon Mafnas said the search and the investigation continues. "All efforts have been intensified," he said.

To protect the investigation process, Mafnas said, they chose not to reveal the different resources and multilateral

support that they are receiving.

More volunteers

As of 2pm yesterday, a total of 108 volunteers and 80 federal and local law enforcers were taking part in the search, according to police spokesman Jason Tarkong.

At 1:30pm yesterday, three teams were combing covered houses and open areas at Kingfisher, Lower Navy Hill, Sadog Tasi, Chalan Galaide, Sadog Tasi, and Tanapag. Only law enforcers were allowed to search the jungles.

Shortly before noon yesterday, a woman and her two children and niece were seen lighting candles and placing cookies on a drainage cement slab near the bus stop pavilion where 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were reportedly last seen on Wednesday around 6:10pm.

Dorcia Teregeyo brought her children Jayveann Mullican, 9, and Jayce Mullican, 6, and her niece Jerica Berki, 9, to show to the family of the missing girls that they are in their prayers.

"We feel the sorrow for what they're been going through now," the 35-year-old Teregeyo said. "I hope they come home safe."

Jayveann Mullican and Jerica Berki, both students of San Vicente Elementary School, said Maleina used to be their classmate at Kagman Elementary School when they were in first grade.

Jayveann Mullican and Jerica Berki described Maleina as "nice, very helpful, and likes to share food."

The girls were reportedly last seen Wednesday at 6am as they were leaving their house in As Teo on their way to a bus stop. Police learned that the two missed their 6:30am bus.

Coincidentally, Wednesday last week, May 28, was also National Missing Children's Day.

CELEBRATE

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bered," he said.

Cabrera and Alvarez were among the veterans, uniformed service members, family members, dignitaries, and other guests who joined the ceremony at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi yesterday morning in observance of Memorial Day.

Cabrera, 66, said he was happy to see a great turnout on an occasion as momentous as Memorial Day to pay tribute to the men and women who have paid the ultimate price in defending the nation.

"I pray to God that in the near future, we see peace in the world. It's what I've always hoped for," said Cabrera as he urged the community to also pray and continue to recognize those who are still alive and are in active duty today.

Alvarez, who brought his entire family to the ceremony, said his father's passing is still "very fresh" but he wants his children to be aware of their grandparent's service and duty to the country.

"Freedom isn't free and it never will be free. We must always be ready," he added.

'Not free'

Indeed it's not, according to Brig. Gen. John W. Doucette, 36th Wing commander, installation commander for the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, deputy commander of the Joint Region Marianas, and keynote speaker at yesterday's commemoration.

"Here in the CNMI alone, 14 soldiers have sacrificed their lives in defending these islands, their nation, and our continued freedom and our war against terror. ...None of us could have imagined that they will have to pay such a high price to defend our freedom," he said.

Doucette said the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the CNMI in the U.S. military dates as far back as when 15 men enlisted as military trackers during World War II.

"This willingness to serve and sacrifice can also be evidenced by the fact that per capita, the Marianas has the highest percentage of enlistment in the U.S. military. The desire to serve runs deep," he said, not just during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf wars but until this day.

On Memorial Day, Doucette said, the nation celebrates service members' courage, dedication, and selfless sacri-

fice. He encouraged the community to grieve with the families, acknowledge their profound desolation, revere their devotion to people, and honor the brave warriors by neither forgetting them nor taking for granted what they did.

"Their sacrifices should form the basis of our own gratefulness and our fervent belief in our ideals. In this way, we will make their sacrifice worthwhile," he added.

In his remarks, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial urged the public to reflect on the true meaning of Memorial Day by remembering the service and sacrifices of the uniformed service members whom he described as "courageous heroes."

"We cannot hope to find full measure to repay them and their loved ones. But the very least we can do is honor their memory and treasure the liberty they bought for us with their lives," he added.

CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs executive officer Ruth Coleman called on the community to always recognize the nobility of the dedicated men and women who put their lives on the line to protect freedom. "We owe them our deepest gratitude and utmost support," she said.

Program

Yesterday's solemn ceremony, also attended by visiting enlisted members of USS *Cheyenne*, featured the Pacific Winds Concert Band, which performed pre- and post ceremonial music for the audience; the Saipan Southern High School JROTC and Manta Ray Battalion Color Guard; and the Marianas High School Choral, which sang the U.S. and CNMI anthems.

At 9:35am, a B-52 from the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base made a flyover in the CNMI for the ceremony.

Fitial and Doucette were joined by service members and veterans for the laying of the wreath while first lady Josie Fitial, Doucette's wife Jeanette, Park Ranger Nancy Kelchner and SSSH JROTC instructor Joaquin Kiyoshi led the memorial tribute.

The program was followed by a 21-rifle salute by the 368 Military Police Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, 302nd Quartermaster of the U.S. Army Reserve on Saipan and the Echo Taps, also by the Pacific Winds Concert Band.

Five crew members of the adventure tourism television series *Globe Trekker*, produced by a London-based company Pilot Productions, were also on island to cover the event.

Babauta, Lazaro top Mount Carmel Junior High graduates

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Peter Thomas A. Babauta and Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro topped this year's junior high school graduates of Mount Carmel School and were awarded the highest academic honors during commencement rites.

Four share top MBA awards

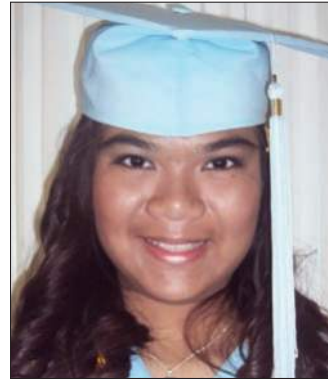
Saturday at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Peter Thomas was named the class valedictorian and recipient of the school's Citizenship Award, President's Award for Academic Excellence, and co-curricular and extra curricular recognitions.

The 14-year-old son of Lor-



**PETER THOMAS
A. BABAUTA**
Valedictorian



**MARIA FE ANDREA
M. LAZARO**
Salutatorian

raine and Pete Babauta will go on to high school at Northern Marianas Academy next semester.

"It feels great! I never expected that I will be in the top honor...so I am very proud!" he

told *Saipan Tribune*.

In his valedictory address, Babauta dedicated his achievement to his proud parents.

"Wearing these caps and gowns mean that we are worthy

to move on to the next phase in our educational endeavor. It means that we have turned a new page and taken another step toward a brighter future. These are the moments that make our parents proud," he said.

This year's salutatorian is Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro, also the recipient of the school's Principal Award. She also bagged other special awards, including the President's Award for Academic Excellence, and recognitions for her participation in the junior mock trial and in co-curricular and extra curricular activities.

Lazaro, the daughter of Christy and Andy Lazaro, will go on to high school at Mount Carmel School. "I feel so honored and proud!" she told *Saipan Tribune*.

In her message to fellow graduates: "My advice to you is simple: the mistakes we have made and the many more that we will make, they're not called failures, they're called opportunities."

Mount Carmel School president Margaret Dela Cruz, along with MCS board chair Elizabeth Balajadia and principal Bobby Baldazo, conferred this year's leadership award on Darvhan Moses. The event was also graced by Fr. Ryan Jimenez, the superintendent of Catholic schools.

A total of 27 junior high school students were promoted to high school during Saturday's commencement exercise that was attended by over 100 parents and relatives.



**GINO ANTHONY
BENAVENTE**
Valedictorian



HANBERT JEONG
Valedictorian



JANE SON KIM
Salutatorian



SEONG JUN HWANG
Salutatorian

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Four graduating students shared this year's highest academic honors at Marianas Baptist Academy, with Gino Anthony Benavente and Hanbert Jeong being named the class valedictorians. Jane Son Kim and Seong Jun Hwang, meanwhile, were adjudged salutatorians.

All four shared the stage with 10 of their batch mates during the school's 24th commencement exercises held Saturday night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Benavente will go on to college at the University of San Francisco while Jeong will further his studies at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

This year's salutatorians—Kim and Hwang—will both go back to South Korea for college.

MBA principal Ramir Trinidad also bestowed the loyalty award on Benavente, along with Gordon Nicholas Coelho, Bal Eum Hong, Charlie Jo, Chan Woo Lee, Sun Park, and Paul Carlo Samson.

Recipients of the class leadership award were Chan Woo Lee, Sun Park, and Michael Sheu.

Samson and Chan Woo Lee also bagged the athletic award and president's award, respectively.

Jame Kim and Bal Eum

Hong were recognized for their perfect attendance.

MBA, for the first time, awarded the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School Award to Sun Park, while the Christian Service Award went to Hae Lin Kim.

The academy conferred diplomas on 14 high school graduates, which include Gino Anthony Benavente, Gordon Nicholas Coelho, Bal Eum Hong, Seong Jun Hwang, Hanbert Jeong, Charlie Jo, Hae Lin Kim, Jane Son Kim, Chan Woo Lee, Jun Hyeong Lee, Sun Park, Sidney Quan, Paul Carlo Samson, and Michael Sheu.

MBA also promoted 17 junior high school students Saturday night, naming Won Woo Choi as this year's most outstanding student.

The A Honor award went to Esther Choi, Daa Miyung Jeung, and Alina Yoon, while the B Honor award went to Pearl Caresse Cataluna, Da Hyun Kim, Jae Hyun Lee, Gayatri Nandwani, and Nabi Supetran.

Top awardees in both high school and middle school addressed the crowd during the ceremony where they individually recognized and offered their achievements to their families, mentors, friends, and supporters.

The event's keynote speaker was Jennifer Dockter, clerk of the CNMI Supreme Court.

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Hard Rock creates discount program for first responders

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

To commemorate Hard Rock's founding anniversary, Hard Rock Café Saipan will recognize police, firefighters, military personnel and emergency medical technicians with a delicious promotion.

Burger Badge Bash aims to recognize the men and women in the community who dedicate themselves to saving the lives of others by making them enjoy a 20-percent discount on Legendary Burgers, which are part of Hard Rock's menu.

Legendary Burgers are made

from grilled Certified Angus Beef "which are hearty enough to satisfy anyone's hunger."

"This year we want to recognize our outstanding and dedicated service-men in uniform in CNMI for their contribution in tourism in the island," said operations manager Reynaldo Perez.

To avail of the discount, these civil servants need to present proper identification and badges, he said.

Perez said the Burger Badge Bash will be part of the Guns & Hoses event starting at 11am on June 14.

According to Perez, there

will be a display of trucks, ambulance, patrol cars, fire trucks during the event, which will be open to the public.

Perez said the event will also feature service vehicle photo sessions, a burger eating competition, and a live performance from crooner Jerry Alcantara.

He added that eligible civil servants who will be dining at Hard Rock Café on that day will also receive a limited-edition Hard Rock Café Herrington teddy bear.

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Hair: Brown
Body: Petite
Complexion: Tan
Characteristics: Circle birthmark left cheek
Last wearing: White blouse and jeans



Last seen: As Teo, Saipan CNMI
Date missing: 6am, Wednesday, May 25, 2011
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Age: 10 years old
Height: 5.1 feet
Weight: 90 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Short brown
Body: Petite
Complexion: Tan
Last wearing: Light green shirt with a butterfly design on the front with blue jeans



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Man'amko king and queen crowned in royal ball

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REPORTER

2011 *Man'amko* King and Queen Jesus Pangelinan and Siyau Muña, along with their Royal Court, looked dashing and debonair during their Coronation Ball on Friday night.

"I feel like a queen," said Muña, who was wearing a light blue gown.

The event, held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, featured a delectable dinner for the congregates and staff at the Aging Center as well as performances by the *man'amko* themselves.

Pangelinan and Muña bested eight other candidates for the titles and were declared this year's winners during the Conference on Aging at Aqua Resort Club in Achugao on May 19.

Teresita Sorroza, Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair, said they raised over \$5,000 from the *Man'amko* King & Queen ticket sales, with Pangelinan and Muña raising the most with about \$1,000 and \$1,700, respectively.

The two were given crowns and sashes; the rest of the Royal Court got sashes.

Pangelinan and Muña had the traditional King and Queen slow dance to the tune of *Wonderful Tonight*. The king serenaded his queen, much to the delight of their 85-member audience,



CLARISSA V. DAVID

2011 *Man'amko* King Jesus Pangelinan and Queen Siyau Muna do their traditional slow dance to the tune of *Wonderful Tonight* during their Coronation Ball held Friday night at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

including Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, his legal counsel Teresa Kim, special assistant for administration Esther Fleming, and Rep. Joseph Palacios.

"We are very happy with the

turnout. As you can see, the *man'amko* really prepared for this Coronation Ball. They all look stunning. I'm glad to see that they really enjoyed," Sorroza told *Saipan Tribune*.

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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Age rule for SHEFA scholars opposed

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Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance administrator Henry Hofschneider is opposing a bill that, if enacted, would in effect require scholarship beneficiaries to be at least 23 years old to receive financial awards.

House Local Bill 17-13, offered by Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, wants to change the definition of "resident" in the current law, Saipan Local Law 16-11.

"Of great importance concerning the proposed amendment to 10 CMC 3921(e) is the requirement for an applicant to be a registered voter and has voted in the municipality of Saipan for at least five years before applying for SHEFA financial assistance," said Hofschneider in a letter to the House of Representatives.

He pointed out that the proposed rule requires an applicant to be 18 years or older as that is the age limit to be a registered voter.

"In addition to meeting that requirement, a registered voter must have voted in the Municipality of Saipan for at least five years before applying for SHEFA assistance. These two requirements would in effect make an applicant who was 18 years old at the time of graduating from high school ineligible

to apply and receive SHEFA financial assistance until that same applicant has turned 23," said Hofschneider.

In effect, no 18-year-old applicant would be eligible for SHEFA assistance because of the five-year voting requirement, he added.

The proposed measure does state that an applicant below 18 years old would be eligible to receive SHEFA assistance if that applicant's parents can prove the applicant's domiciliary, residency, and citizenship but this, Hofschneider said, runs counter to the other proposed requirement that an applicant must be a registered voter and must have voted at least five years on Saipan.

Hofschneider described the proposed measure as "ambiguous" and needs clarification. SHEFA wants to meet with lawmakers before they act on the bill.

The bill states that the delegation finds that the definition of "residency" in the current statute is "obscure."

"As written, it may open itself for abuse that eventually may hurt SHEFA funds, programs and operations," added the bill.

Each fiscal year, the Legislature appropriates \$3 million for SHEFA scholars. Since the program's inception in 2004, the CNMI government has invested \$17.7 million on these scholars.

Indigenous Affairs Office to take over three DCCA offices

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Once the new fiscal year begins in October this year, three offices under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will function and operate under the jurisdiction of the Indigenous Affairs Office.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the Historic Preservation office, Arts Council, and Language Policy Commission will be transferred to Office of Indigenous Affairs starting Oct. 1.

The merger of these offices was among the recommendations of a desk audit done by the Virginia-based Management Analysis Inc. last year.

"Heeding the recommendations of the organizational review conducted by MAI, the administration seeks to implement the transfer of HPO from DCCA to the Indigenous Affairs Office in time for the new fiscal year," said Demapan.

This is just one of several planned realignments in line with the administration's goal to recalibrate and streamline the structure of the central government, he added.

The same report also recommended the transfer of the Arts Council and the Chamorro

Carolinian Language Policy Commission to the Indigenous Affairs Office.

"These are things we are working on now ahead of the start of fiscal year 2012. Ultimately, the goal is to 'right-size' the government and to achieve greater efficiency," said Demapan.

He said the governor may soon issue an executive order effecting the transfers.

"The administration is highly considering implementing these recommendations at the start of fiscal year 2012. Most likely, the administration looks to execute the realignment by way of an executive order. Once the transfer is effectuated, then we'll be able to determine and quantify any savings that can be realized," he said.

Early this year, the governor placed the Juvenile Detention Unit under the Corrections Department—at the recommendation of MAI—to save on costs and increase efficiency. The unit was formerly under the DCCA.

DCCA chief opposes transfer

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao

expressed surprise yesterday with this planned transfer and questioned the desk audit's recommendations, describing its results as "flawed" as far as DCCA findings are concerned.

"I don't believe that all these offices duplicate one another's task or function. And I am not also convinced that by transferring them to the Indigenous Affairs Office

will be a good cost-saving measure for the government," he said.

With the transfer of the three offices, DCCA will be left with only three divisions: the Aging Office, Food Stamp, Child Care Program, and Division of Youth Services.

Faisao conceded that the recent transfer of the Juvenile Detention Unit to the Corrections Department has yielded positive results. "But for these three other offices—HPO, Arts Council, and Language Commission—I don't think it will be for the good of each program. I am worried of the adverse effect the transfer could bring to these programs," he said.

Of particular concern to Faisao is the transfers' effect

on the federal grants being awarded to each program.

Faisao claim that he is not aware, nor informed, of the planned transfer and expressed his opposition to the idea. He pointed out that the Indigenous Affairs Office was created only as an advisory body. Instead, he says it should be the Indigenous Affairs Office that should be placed under DCCA.

Faisao said he will ask the administration to reconsider its planned transfers.

The last time a government-wide desk audit was done was in the early 1990s. It resulted in the enactment of Public Law 7-31 or the Commonwealth Compensation Adjustment and Salary Act of 1991, implementing across-the-board salary adjustments for government workers.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in his first term in office, promised to make the government more efficient, but it was only during his second term that his administration was able to hire an independent firm to conduct a desk audit.

Because of funding limitations, the desk audit only initially covered the Department of Public Safety and DCCA, but more agencies will be covered when more funding becomes available.



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NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate \$2,430,000.00 in LIHTCs for the 2010 program year and \$2,465,000 for the 2011 program year.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application and the **\$1,000.00 Application Fee** in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, May 31, 2011**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by **June 7, 2011**. The owner/developer will be given 10 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **June 17, 2011**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **June 2011** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs 30 days following the June 2011 Board of Directors meeting. Owners/Developers will then have 30 days to complete their market study to meet the requirements. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than the submission of the market study.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO**
Corporate Director

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2011 Memorial Day



Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Battalion members stand at attention at the Memorial Day 2011 ceremony at the Marpi Veterans Cemetery yesterday morning. This year's ceremony had the theme "Live honoring America's fallen... Every day..."

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, along with Brigadier Gen. John W. Doucette, lead U.S. Armed Forces service members and veterans in the laying of the wreath.

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Brigadier Gen. John W. Doucette, commander of the 36th Wing at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, delivers his keynote speech, while Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and first lady Josie Fitial look on.

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Rita Weidner visits the graveyard of her late husband, Malcolm Weidner, at the sprawling Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 31, 1999

Young to hold oversight hearing

U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has said he was pleased that some members of the Democratic leadership are now supporting proposed reforms in the Mariana Islands regarding labor and safety laws on the American islands in the Western Pacific. Young, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Resources which has jurisdiction over U.S. territories, informed the Committee's Ranking Democrat, U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-CA), that the Committee will be conducting an oversight hearing on the issue later this year. In a May 25th letter to Miller, Young stated that the Committee will focus on "the current facts and conditions while considering the actions of both the local and federal governments and the views of workers, employers and residents" of the islands.

Another playground from IT&E

IT&E Overseas, Inc., on Friday held a dedication for its newest playground constructed for the children of Saipan and the CNMI. This playground is located at the Kagman Municipal Park. The Kagman Playground is the fourth playground donated by IT&E in a program initiated in 1996 to provide quality playgrounds for the children of the Northern Marianas. Other playgrounds provided by IT&E are the Tronkon Dauk Playground at the Civic Center Beach Park, the Afetna Beach Park Playground in San Antonio and the PauPau Beach Park Playground in San Roque.

May 31, 2000

Tanapag clinic stops operation

The Tanapag Health Clinic has temporarily stopped the screening of village residents in connection with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination with the departure of four U.S.-based doctors. "We were supposed to be done with the medical testing by then but there were more people who came to the clinic than we have initially expected," said Dr. Richard Brostrom, chief of the medical team. Three doctors from the U.S. Department of Public Health and one physician from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry assisted the Department of Public Health for three weeks in screening the Tanapag residents.

Hopwood: a juvenile delinquency 'hot spot'

The Division of Youth Services is keeping a close watch on the mounting juvenile delinquency cases at Hopwood Junior High School, particularly those involving students under probation. According to DYS Juvenile Correction Unit/Probation Supervisor Sylvio S. Ada, Jr., since the beginning of the school year the agency has put extra efforts to monitor these students in light of the surge in juvenile-related offenses at the junior high school. In the past two months alone, the probation unit has conducted no less than six intervention sessions per week, Ada said. Several Hopwood students have been apprehended for offenses ranging from truancy, assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and illegal possession of harmful weapons.

May 31, 2001

Rebate checks out now

The finance department has started mailing out rebate checks yesterday as it anticipates to complete the release of over 5,000 tax refunds and rebates within the week. Finance officials said the department has processed the first batch of 5,523 rebate checks amounting to \$5.3 million. Taxpayers who have filed their income tax returns by March 15 will get their rebate checks first. The Division of Revenue and Taxation also reminded the public that it is processing tax returns on a continuing schedule and will provide information of any future check releases as soon as it becomes available.

Garment industry reels from slump

Garment manufacturers on Saipan are in for tough times as the effects of competition in their soft US market continue to take its toll on an industry dubbed as a top revenue earner for the CNMI Government. According to Saipan Manufacturers Association Executive Director Richard A. Pierce, dwindling orders and skyrocketing production costs have been dragging profits down for Saipan's ailing factories, raising serious questions on the viability of some of SGMA's smaller sized operations. The industry is approaching its third successive fiscal quarter with a decrease in sales volume and the second year in a row it will see a drop in user fees and taxes for government.

First lady Josie Fitial, left, assisted by U.S. Park Ranger Nancy Kelcher, offers flowers to the tombs of veterans.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Chamber membership meeting tomorrow**

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general membership luncheon meeting tomorrow, June 1, 2011, at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe. This general membership meeting traditionally showcases the Chamber's annual college scholarship awards. Over 50 applied for the scholarships, there were 12 semi-finalists and the five winning students for this year's \$10,000 awards have been selected. The recipients will receive their scholarships from the SCC Educational Committee members at this meeting. Luncheon beings at 11:30am and the meeting begins promptly at noon. Luncheon cost is \$15 for SCC members, and \$20 for guests and non-members. The Chamber has also invited the Saipan Zoning Office to speak briefly on recently introduced House Local Bill 17-26. (SCC)

Support meeting today for cancer survivors, caregivers

All cancer survivors, their family members, and other caregivers are invited to the monthly support meeting today, May 31, 2011, at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. This month's support meeting will begin with a presentation by the Commonwealth Cancer Association on financial, educational, and other support services available to people with cancer in the CNMI. The presentation will be followed by breakout discussions in two groups: survivors and caregivers. For more information or to RSVP, contact CCA at 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org, or call the Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 236-8728. (CCA)

Navy training today on Farallon de Medinilla

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 31 from 8am to 11pm. The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the time and date indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea

space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (USN)

Hyatt's MMAC raffle drawing in June

Hyatt Regency Saipan, a Marianas March Against Cancer major sponsor, is still selling raffle tickets for Hyatt prizes as part of their MMAC fundraising activities. The final raffle drawing and check presentation to the MMAC committee and the Commonwealth Cancer Association is scheduled for June 17, 2011, at 7pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan lobby.

The grand raffle prize is a luxurious one-night stay at the Hyatt Executive Suite with Kili breakfast buffet for two. Other fine prizes include a one-night stay at the Spa Suite with Kili breakfast for two (first prize); one-night stay at Regency Club Room; one-night stay at Deluxe Room with Kili breakfast for two; one-night stay at Guestroom with Kili breakfast for two; and 60-minute Swedish massage for two.

For information or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Luis Villagomez or Josephine Mesta at 234-1234 or email luis.villagomez@hyattsaipan.com or josephine.mesta@hyattsaipan.com.

MINA meeting on June 1

The Mariana Islands Nature Alliance is inviting all its members to the annual membership meeting that will be held on June 1, 2011, at 6pm at the Laolao Bay Resort (poolside). Learn about MINA's progress and successes for 2010, upcoming projects, meet the Micronesia Challenge interns, and new nominations to the board of directors. To RSVP or donate, visit www.minapacific.com or call 233-7333 (REEF) by May 30, 2011. Members who carpool (three or more in the vehicle) to the meeting will receive an incentive. Interested individuals who want to join MINA are also welcome to attend the meeting. (MINA)

Trivia Tuesday tonight

It's that time again! Come down to Trivia Tuesday tonight and every Tuesday night at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill in Garapan, starting at 7pm. Admission is free; the intellectual fun is priceless. Wild Bill's is offering gift certificates to the winning teams, and food and drink specials for all. The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be selling \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to win

great prizes. Tonight's prizes include gift bags from IT&E, Wild Bill's gift certificates, 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer t-shirts, and more. All raffle proceeds benefit the Commonwealth Cancer Association. To donate a raffle prize, or for more information, contact CCA at 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

MHS Class of 1991 sets reunion meeting

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having its 20th reunion. Class members will be meeting on June 3, 2011, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion (2nd Pavilion) on Beach Road at 6pm to plan for the

Default judgment sought vs defunct garment firm

An alien worker who sued a defunct garment manufacturer for alleged discrimination asked the federal court Friday to have the clerk of court enter a default judgment against the company for allegedly failing to respond to the suit.

Attorney Stephen C. Woodruff, counsel for Reynaldo L. Garcia, also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to void a previous order for him to explain why the court should not dismiss the case for failure to prosecute.

Woodruff said that on Nov. 7, 2008, Garcia asked the court for a further extension of time to serve the summons and complaint to defendant Poong-In Saipan Inc.

Woodruff said the court granted the motion, giving Garcia until Nov. 14, 2008, to accomplish serving the summons and complaint on Poong-In Saipan Inc.

The lawyer said the defendant was served on Nov. 14, 2008, by personal delivery to the Law Offices of Richard W. Pierce, the company's lawyer.

Woodruff said defendant's answer was due

Dec. 4, 2008.

"No answer or other response to the complaint was filed with the court or served on defendant's counsel either before or at any time since Dec. 4, 2008," he said.

Woodruff said Poong-In Saipan Inc. is in default and that after an entry of default by the court's clerk, Garcia will move for default judgment.

In ordering the cause order, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Consuelo B. Marshall stated that Garcia's lawsuit has been pending for more than six months without any action taken by the parties in that period.

Marshall gave Garcia and Poong-In Saipan until Friday to show cause why the court should not dismiss the case.

Garcia, a Filipino mechanic, alleged that because of his national origin, Poong-In did not renew his contract and instead hired some Chinese nationals.

In January 2008, Poong-In shut down its factory in Afetnas, rendering over 100 alien workers jobless. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works



INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW11-IFB-009

GROUNDWATER, LEACHATE, AND GAS TESTING AT THE MARPI SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Groundwater, Leachate, and Gas Testing at the Marpi Solid Waste Management Facility, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on or after **May 24, 2011** at DPW Technical Services Division 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Preference is available to US Citizen or Permanent as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the **BID or PROPOSAL** if preference is claimed.

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for **June 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**, local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW11-IFB-009". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **June 9, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **June 9, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 9, 2011**, and must be received no later than **June 20, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **June 23, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **June 14, 2011**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

The contract to be awarded shall extend for a period of **two (2) years** from the date of Notice to Proceed issuance.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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What price war?

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After more than two years, President Obama's national security policy looks all too familiar: like President Bush's policy.

You remember the Bush doctrine? Its most prominent tenet was the policy of preventive war—using the U.S. military to eliminate potentially dangerous enemies, rather than using military force only when the United States is clearly threatened.

Generally speaking, the Bush administration argued that deposing unfriendly regimes and promoting democracy both militarily and diplomatically were in America's long-term best interests. President Obama not only has embraced this approach, stressing it again in his May 19 speech on the Middle East, he's gone further: increasing military spending, expanding the war in Afghanistan, handing off more of the mission to contractors and mercenaries, and bombing Libya without anything resembling a threat to the United States or even a nod from Congress—in violation of the War Powers Act.

Consider the budget. President Obama's first defense budget, for fiscal year 2010, was \$685.1 billion, if we include the "supplemental" funds for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars (a budget gimmick he had promised not to use.) This was 3 percent higher than in the previous year.

The Obama administration upped the ante again for FY 2011, requesting a base budget of \$548.9 billion, plus \$159.3 billion for Afghanistan and Iraq, for a total of \$708.3 billion. That was before the bombing of Libya, which already has cost some \$750 million, Defense Secretary Robert Gates revealed on May 12 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The president has requested "only" \$670.9 billion for fiscal year 2012—but the Department of Defense baseline request was actually raised from \$548.9 billion to \$553.1 billion. The overall decrease comes from a projected cut in operational costs for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Yet, according to the Congressional Research Service, Afghanistan will still cost \$113.7 billion compared to the \$43.5 billion spent in 2008, President Bush's last year. Iraq will be much cheaper than before, but this decline was already in the works. In late 2008, President Bush signed the Status of Forces Agreement setting the Iraq drawdown in motion. If anything, President Obama has slowed down the withdrawal, and is now petitioning Iraq to stay past 2011. Meanwhile, the stepped-up war in Afghanistan has offset much of the savings we could have expected in Iraq.

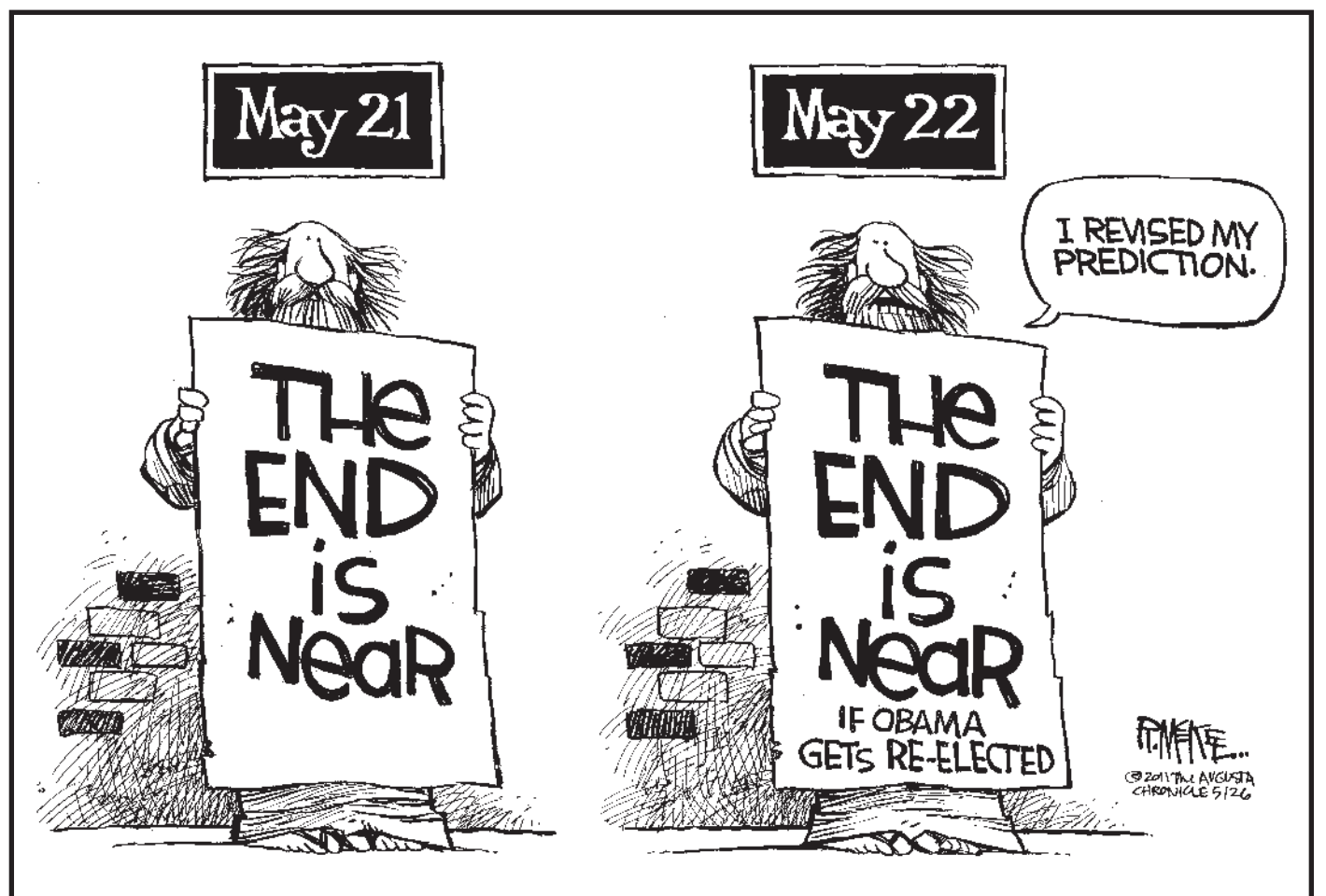
And this is just the financial cost. Last year 559 American troops died in Iraq and Afghanistan—significantly more than the 469 who died during Bush's final year in office.

Moreover, a growing number of civilian contractors also have fallen. In the first half of 2010, for example, 250 contractors reportedly died in Iraq and Afghanistan—more than the 235 military personnel who fell during the same period.

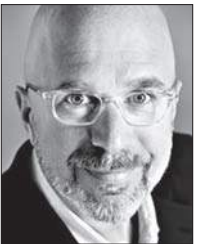
As a senator and presidential candidate, Barack Obama criticized President Bush's war policies. But instead of changing course, President Obama has tripled down in Afghanistan, widened the war into Pakistan, multiplied the drone attacks, bombed Yemen and Somalia, and started an undeclared NATO war in Libya.

On surveillance questions, presidential war powers, Guantanamo, detention policy and habeas corpus, he has similarly stayed the course, or even expanded Bush's precedents.

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College: To be or not to be (yourself)

By MICHAEL SMERCONISH
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the occasional friends who come to watch me."

"Before the game, I had put on my Spanish National water polo team flame-decorated Speedo. ... I pulled my shorts off, and ran up and down the stands with my chest painted blue (one of my high school colors) in my flame-decorated Speedo.

"Our fans erupted. It was louder than it had been all game.

"There are a number of ways to show school pride, make a contribution or be part of a team. Not every action is remembered or even deserves mentioning, some aren't even recognizable in the scheme of things. And I do know that what I did was a little bit 'out there,' maybe even over the top to some people. But I know that what I did made a difference that day and, even if a lot of people don't remember that one thing, I know for sure the lacrosse team will never forget it. And really, that's the whole point!"

His musings won raves from Ferguson.

"An essay like this should cheer the hearts of every parent and every applicant. It shows that, despite lots of advice to the contrary, you can apply, succeed, and never surrender your individuality!"

To my surprise, it also won accolades from Leonard Krivy, who for decades has been a prominent educational consultant in Cherry Hill, N.J. "The home field advantage is relevant to many aspects of our lives," he told me. "This is a very interesting and well told perspective on home field advantage—and one with which most of us can identify.

"Jason shows accomplishments that invite the colleges' attention. He has taken well-thought risks and has confidence in his ideas and ability to follow through, and he has become part of the school's history and has made a difference," Krivy continued.

"You can write a modern-day version of the Gettysburg Address. However, unless you meet the school's objective criteria, you probably won't be admitted and the essay may not be read."

Another of Krivy's rules: "Schools like a well-rounded class, not necessarily well-rounded individuals. FOCUS ON YOUR SPECIAL STRENGTHS."

Jason Lamoreaux applied to nine schools. He was rejected at one, wait-listed at another, and accepted at the remaining seven. The head of admissions at St. Mary's College in Maryland wrote a note on his acceptance saying "how glad he was that he was wearing his Speedo."

Lamoreaux will enter Gettysburg College in the fall. And he will go places.

Jason Lamoreaux will graduate June 14 from Upper Merion High School. Last year at this time, he was navigating the college-application process, which includes the writing of a personal statement and this dilemma: Do I tell them what I think, or what I think they want to hear? Lamoreaux took what some might view as a risk. Instead of addressing world hunger or carbon emissions, he offered an honest insight into his personality.

Andrew Ferguson applauded the approach when I told him about Lamoreaux. Ferguson recently documented the charade that the college-application process has become. His best seller, "Crazy U: One Dad's Crash Course in Getting His Kid Into College," is a testament to kids' adopting alternative personas that they think will please admissions officers. His own son had other ideas. He once told his guidance counselor that he wished to attend a school where he could go to a football game, take off his shirt, paint his chest in the school colors, and "major in beer."

In this sell-yourself environment, Ferguson discouraged his son from lifeguarding the summer before his senior year.

A professional college counselor "had said that there are all these things that the kids should do, you know, start a business, go to Guatemala and build wheelchair ramps in whorehouses," Ferguson wrote. "I knew he didn't have the entrepreneurial spirit, and I wasn't going to send him to Guatemala, so we were sort of at a loss, and he ended up lifeguarding anyway."

Ferguson's book highlights the application essay as a particular source of student and parental angst. Ferguson laments that the essays seem ill-suited for 17-year-olds—an unrealistic, touchy-feely search for a high schooler's most intimate thoughts.

"They ask things like, 'Tell us your most embarrassing moment,' or 'If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?'" Ferguson told me. "This college counselor told me that my son needed to dig down deep and let us hear his innermost thoughts. I said: 'Lady, he's a 17-year-old boy. He doesn't have any innermost thoughts.'"

Jason Lamoreaux's academic record at Upper Merion has included both A's and B's—with more of the latter than the former. He's carried a couple of honors-level courses. His honors physics teacher emailed his mom earlier this year, saying: "Jason is definitely an asset in the class; I'm glad he's here. Honors classes can be a little 'stuffy' sometimes. He breaks the mold." Lamoreaux was a co-captain of the swimming and water polo teams this year, and likes classic rock, comedy and summer lifeguarding.

Last year, he applied to several schools but refused to end nuclear proliferation in his essay. Instead, he discussed watching a lacrosse championship against rival Upper Dublin.

"As a swimmer and one who had to compete regularly against Upper Dublin, they had always been a powerhouse filled with pompous jerks who thought they were better than everyone else," he wrote.

"... It was a Thursday night at Upper Dublin and the league championship was on the line. As a swimmer and water polo player, I know how it feels to not get too much support from fans except for

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Freedom: Pay it forward

By JAMES JAY CARAFANO
THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Cold gray monuments, brassy parades, majestic flyovers—they are all remembrances of those who died in the service of the nation. They are all part of our Memorial Day. No day speaks more about American patriotism than the day we thank those who gave their lives in the fight for freedom. Yet, no ceremony, no solemnity can ever replace those we have lost.

If the families of the fallen who have borne the sorrow of all our battles from Bull Run to Baghdad could have one thing on this day, it would be to have their loved ones back. We cannot unburden their grief.

We can to do our utmost not to add to their ranks.

So while on this day we honor sacrifice, we have a job the rest of the year as well: reminding our leaders in Washington to ensure that the troops who defend us have what they need to do the job—and come back to us. There is no better way to recognize the valor of those who serve, and demonstrate care and respect for their families, than to pay it forward—to properly arm our armed forces for the next fight.

Adequately funding defense could be the greatest challenge this nation faces in the years ahead. Most of the increases in Pentagon funding since 9/11 have gone to safeguarding U.S. interests, from protecting the homeland to fighting in far-off Afghanistan. After 10 years, we have put a lot of wear and tear on the armed forces. The danger that our military preparedness could plummet has never been greater.

Today, America has the smallest Navy since before World War I, and the force is aging. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the popular movie “Top Gun.” The ship featured in the film was the USS Enterprise. It is still at sea. In fact, it was commissioned in the 1960s, and is the second oldest ship in the U.S. fleet. Ships in the Navy’s sister fleet, the U.S. Coast Guard, are even older.

The Coast Guard has ships at sea that are eligible for Social Security.

America’s Air Force has the oldest average fleet of planes and the fewest number of planes in its inventory at any time since World War II.

The B-52 bomber fleet is as old as the Enterprise.

The Army and Marine Corps both have aging fleets of vehicles—and have just seen the plans to replace them pushed further down the road.

Annual spending to buy new equipment is already under-funded by about \$50 billion a year. Still, there are calls to slash military spending.

They are, of course, caveated with promises that cuts won’t harm the troops.

These assurances are cold comfort. Before World War II, we were told the United States would rearm if a threat arose, but in failing to remain armed in the interwar years, we encouraged the enemy to rise up and attack us first. When the Korean War broke out, we did not even have time to rearm before we sent troops into battle wearing sneakers and shouldering rusted rifles.

After 9-11, we plunged into war short many tens-of-thousands of troops and missing critical equipment, from body armor to up-armored vehicles.

Despite the bitter lessons of history, there are calls to cut defense, offers of an “easy” answer of another peace dividend now—to be paid for in blood and sacrifice later.

Now is not the time to cut. Now is the time to pay it forward. As Thomas Jefferson once said, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”

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Almost none of this had anything to do with killing Osama bin Laden.

Those who voted for Obama in 2008, expecting a shift in defense policy, must face a sad fact: The United States would have likely spent less money and spilled less American and foreign blood in its wars had the president simply continued on the path charted by President Bush. Instead, we now have Bush Plus.

Memorial Day and our ‘military tribe’

By MARK F. CANCIAN
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE INFORMATION SERVICES

The Memorial Day weekend is a time when we remember the nation’s shared sacrifices in war. All told since 1775, more than 1.2 million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice in our nation’s conflicts.

Over the decades, however, the shared element of this sacrifice has waned. Although Americans have been wonderfully supportive of their service members in the recent conflicts, many have also observed that, with few exceptions, the nation’s elites—the politically powerful, office and rank-holders, influential, wealthy and highly educated among us—do not typically have their children at risk in today’s wars. Whether an inevitable result of our military becoming an all-volunteer force, or perhaps some deeper cultural movement, the trend has been growing relentlessly for decades.

In our politically polarized society of today this phenomenon has provided yet another political battleground for competing visions about the country’s values and her future. The political left focuses on “chicken hawks,” conservative politicians who advocate aggressive military action but without having ever personally served in uniform. The political right focuses on those progressives or liberal elites that use politics or declared conscience as an excuse for not serving as having demonstrated a “dereliction of duty.” Regardless of the ideological merits of these arguments, neither group has allowed its children to serve. Among members of Congress, for example, whether Democrat or Republican, only a handful have children in the military.

But is there is one group among our great nation’s leaders and elites whose children are very much at risk. The children of those in the military itself. Many of the generals and admirals who lead our armed forces today have children who are also serving.

Indeed, studies have shown that one of the strongest indicators for whether someone will join the U.S. military today is whether they have a parent who has served. A recent government study found that more than 61 percent of the Marines serving in Iraq in 2004 had at least one parent who was or had been in the military. I saw this

The Peace Corps’ shameful secret

By ANNE MICHAUD
NEWSDAY

My grandmother didn’t have much money. She was a widow who had raised five children on her husband’s paycheck from the textile mill. So when she tried to give me \$1,000 not to go into the Peace Corps, it was a very big offer.

I told her that I wanted to serve and that it wasn’t about money.

And I went—to Togo, West Africa, in 1983. My grandmother’s fears were about the kind of men I would meet there. She grew queasy thinking about it. I thought her worries were as old-fashioned as her collared housedresses.

The Peace Corps now stands accused of mishandling reports of more than 1,000 sexual assaults of volunteers, including 221 rapes or attempted rapes. Because these crimes are often never reported at all—especially in countries with corrupt local police—the actual numbers of Peace Corps volunteer rape victims are probably much higher.

The organization needs to get serious about this problem, or risk fueling the anxiety of grandmothers everywhere—many of whom may succeed in keeping their progeny at home. Peace Corps director Aaron Williams has appointed a victim’s advocate and is implementing better training programs.

The first step is to admit that American women are different, conveying a unique sense of freedom and entitlement. We have that reputation, too—especially those who head across the world for adventure. In the early months of training, the Peace Corps should address directly how American women are perceived, and recommend ways to avoid giving the wrong message. This is not an effort to blame the victims of sexual assault. But volunteers should be better prepared about cultural differences. For example, we were told that in Togo, women with bare legs were thought promiscuous. Subtler sexual codes should be explored with equal frankness, even when it’s embarrassing.

During congressional hearings earlier this month, former Peace Corps women testified that they had felt stalked and constantly afraid.

This brings up a second point: volunteers need to be able to report problems to a trusted Peace Corps official, and have them taken seriously. There is absolutely no cause for anyone to remain in a

vividly myself during my last tour in Iraq. Half of the senior officers on our command staff had children that were in the military, many of them deployed to combat at the same time as their parent.

Military service has become a family tradition and collectively these families have formed a small “military tribe” within our broader society.

Spouses from the outside quickly assimilate when they marry into this warrior tribe. They learn first about the military culture—the rank structures, moving between bases and stations, commissaries and post exchanges, field exercises and deployment orders. They also learn, as one military wife noted, that the spouse associations were not about proper etiquette at social events but about family separation, anxiety and fear of loss and sometimes tragedy.

Because with service comes sacrifice. The son of Army Gen. Ray Odierno, the former U.S. commander in Iraq, lost an arm in combat. The son of Army Gen. Mark Graham was killed in action. Beyond these high-profile examples of loss, numerous colonels, sergeants major and first sergeants have seen their children hurt or killed in war.

Their grief has not manifested itself in public displays that are too often the face of grief that get broadcast to the world. Instead, these families nearly always say the same thing: military service was what our child wanted to do, we are very proud, and we miss them terribly. Not long ago an old Marine friend learned that his son had been killed in Afghanistan. Can pride in a son’s service ever compensate for a father’s loss and grief? Some things are in the hands of God.

I hope that on this Memorial Day we can for a moment think about our military tribe. Families that at their core are not much different from other American families, the nation entrusts them with its safety and security and its future as a free people. They comprise less than 1 percent of our citizenry but bear disproportionately the burden of sacrifice.

Marine Col. Mark F. Cancian, retired, served in Vietnam, the Gulf War and Iraq. His two sons who are Marines have served in Afghanistan.

situation where she or he feels like prey—and this should be plainly conveyed to new volunteers. The Peace Corps should document the host countries where volunteers are reporting these problems most often, and reconsider its role there.

Karestan Koenen was raped while she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger in the 1990s. She told Congress this month that one Peace Corps official investigating her case said to her, “I am so sick of you girls going out with men, drinking and dancing, and then when something happens, you call it rape.”

Koenen testified that her treatment by the Peace Corps was worse than the rape. Every person connected with this federal program needs to take steps to ensure that this will never happen again. Such a betrayal of someone in the field is far too common in macho outfits like the Peace Corps and the armed services.

The U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would give the Pentagon new tools to better prosecute sex offenders in the military. Clearly, Koenen and her male investigator—probably mirroring women and men generally—view the question of rape very differently. Until humans agree on where the limits are, and who’s to blame in every case, organizations that employ women—especially in remote and foreign locations—need to take their side and their view of such incidents.

The Peace Corps is in some measure about exporting American values. A free and savvy cadre of women volunteers, fully supported by the home staff—those are values we can defend.

Anne Michaud writes a column for Newsday and is a member of its editorial board.

Letters to the Editor

An appeal for help






To everyone on Saipan: Please help me find my friends Faloma and Malaina Quitugua Luhk. Call 911 if you have information.

Jovahna Rabauliman
3rd Grade, Kagman Elementary School

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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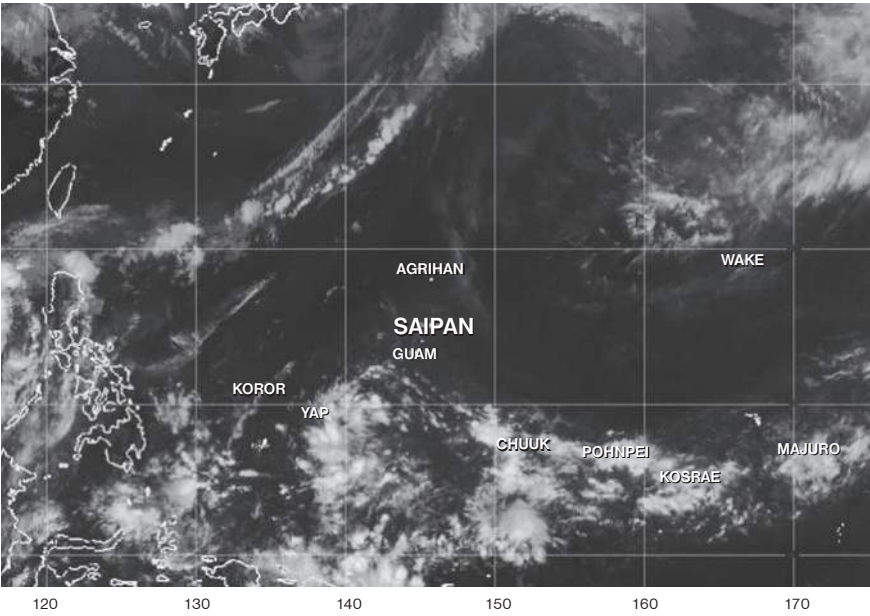
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PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front well north of the Marianas curves southwestward from 25N141E to beyond 130E at 21N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and up to 130 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends northward from 2N143E to southwest of Guam at 12N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring just west of Yap between the equator and 11N from 138E to 142E. Another surface trough extends northward across Chuuk from 3N131E to 8N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Chuuk within an area bounded by a line from 9N149E to 7N155E to EQ153E to EQ147E back to 9N149E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers across Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro within 175 miles of a line 6N156E to 3N165E to 10N179E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:09 AM	5:19 PM
Wednesday	4:55 AM	6:13 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	7:07 PM
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Saturday	7:35 AM	8:51 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
				OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6				via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Business

Taiwan show to feature Apple tablet challengers

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Computer manufacturers of all sizes and descriptions have been pushing to get a piece of the ever-expanding tablet market created by the launch of Apple's iPad in April 2010.

The obsession with tablet computing will be on full display Tuesday as Computex, the world's second-largest computer show, begins its annual five-day run in Taipei. The prominence of

tablets underscores a dramatic shift under way in the personal computer industry—and keenly felt in Taiwan, which is home to some of the world's biggest PC manufacturers—as many consumers opt to buy a tablet rather than a new PC.

Computex will feature more than 50 tablet models, said organizer Taipei Computer Association, with big names including Lenovo Group Ltd. and Toshiba Corp. having their products displayed.

Researchers have predicted slower growth in PC sales this year because of the rising consumer interest in tablets. Gartner Research recently cut its sales growth forecast for global PC sales in 2011 from 15.9 percent to 10.5 percent. According to IHS iSuppli, world PC shipments declined 0.3 percent year-on-year to 8.1 million units in the first quarter of 2011, with sales by No. 3-ranked Acer plunging 20 percent.

Many analysts say it may take two or three years before mobile device software from Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. can catch up with iPads, which have thousands of applications for



A showroom employee displays tablet computers from Taiwan's top two PC vendors, Acer Inc. and AsusTek Computer Inc. in Taipei, Taiwan, Saturday, May 28, 2011.

consumers to choose from. That may mean a hard time for many PC makers in the short term.

Research company CDC says Apple Inc. had a 73 percent share of the tablet market in the last quarter of 2010. South Korea's Samsung Electronics

Co. was a distant second with 17 percent. It said 2010 tablet sales totaled 18 million units. CDC expects Apple to account for 70-80 percent of 2011 tablet sales that it predicts will reach 50 million units.

Besides tablets, Computex will

also feature corporate and home servers and other cloud-based computing equipment and services, a sector Taiwanese firms have recently entered to make up for shortfalls in PC sales.

The world's top contract laptop manufacturer, Taiwan-based

Quanta Computer Co., is among those producing servers for global firms such as Google.

Cloud computing involves running applications in web browsers. The cloud allows users to store and retrieve data over the Internet whenever it is needed, instead of saving it on their own computers.

At least 10 of the tablet models to be shown at Computex are powered by Intel Corp.'s new Atom chip, the U.S. technology giant's first microprocessor designed for tablets. Intel has moved into the fast growing market now dominated by chips using designs by UK-based ARM Holdings.

The new Atom "delivers improved video playback, fast Internet browsing and longer battery life," Navin Shenoy, general manager of Intel's Asia-Pacific region, said in an emailed statement.

There is "a tremendous amount of experimentation going on in the industry," Shenoy said. Tablets, which are more popular in mature markets, will not replace PCs, he said, noting the strong PC demand in Asia and emerging markets.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil hovers below \$101 in light holiday trading

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered below \$101 a barrel Monday in Asia in light trading volume ahead of the U.S. Memorial Day holiday. Benchmark oil for July delivery was down 6 cents to \$100.53 a barrel at mid-day Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The benchmark contract added 36 cents to settle at \$100.59 on Friday. In London, Brent crude for July delivery was down 16 cents to \$114.87 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. The Libyan rebels' finance minister, Ali Tarhouni, said Sunday that the oil fields located in the eastern half of the country under opposition control will resume production once it's safe to send workers to the fields. He said he did not expect security to be established soon.

Venezuelans protest US sanctions against oil co.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Thousands of government supporters jammed into a plaza Sunday to protest U.S. sanctions against Venezuela's state oil company, the latest in a series of demonstrations encouraged by President Hugo Chavez to invoke nationalist sentiments. Chavez backers waving Venezuelan flags and chanting, "The people, united, will never be defeated!" marched from several points throughout the capital and converged on a downtown plaza where they listened to officials condemn the sanctions against Petroleos de Venezuela SA, known as PDVSA.

Wal-Mart replaces executives in China

NEW YORK (AP)—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it named replacements for two of its top executives in China who resigned earlier this month. The world's largest retailer appointed Mario-Jose Medina as the head of its financial operations in China. Medina previously worked as the chief financial officer of Wal-Mart Chile, Wal-Mart said in a statement on Friday. He was hired in 2007 to be the chief financial officer of Wal-Mart Puerto Rico.

Make your summer youth hiring successful!

Question: My company is planning on hiring a number of students this summer. What should we be aware of?

Answer: Your company is to be applauded. Hiring young workers for the summer is a good way of investing in the community's future, as it provides an opportunity for the youth to begin developing a work ethic for future employment, to interact with adults in a non-school, non-family environment, and to gain knowledge in some field of work.

Any employer who hires youthful worker needs to be aware of the child labor laws and how they apply to their working relationships with young employees. Employers must also be aware of the special responsibility they have to ensure the safety of their young employees. This brief article will assume the work is non-agricultural, that the business is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and that the student is authorized by law to work.

The FLSA, codified in 29 CFR §570, explains the conditions under which employers may hire young workers, with the child labor regulations varying significantly depending on the age of the youth. There are restrictions on the number of hours that can be worked and the type of work that can be performed, based upon the age of the worker.

- youths age 18 and older may work in any occupation at any time;

- youths age 16 and 17 also may work at any time, but only in nonhazardous occupations;

- youths age 14 and 15 may work only during certain hours (not work before 7:00 a.m., nor after 7:00 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when their permissible hours are extended to 9pm), and in even fewer occupations; and

- youths age 13 and younger may work only under certain very limited exemptions, such as those for child actors or newspaper deliverers.

To ensure that they are not violating the FLSA's minimum age standards, employers should possess proof of age for all employees under the age of 19. In addition to restrictions on hours and jobs for 14- and 15-year-old youth, the Secretary of Labor has found

that certain jobs are too hazardous for anyone under 18 years of age to perform.

The basic rules for when and where a youth may work are:

- **A youth 18 years or older** may perform any job, whether hazardous or not, for unlimited hours.

- **A youth 16 or 17 years old** may perform any non-hazardous job for unlimited hours. Go to 29 CFR §570.50 to 570.68 for a complete listing of hazardous occupations.

- **A youth 14 and 15 years old** may not perform any of the hazardous work prohibited to 16-17 year olds, but may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs. Briefly, youths age 14 and 15 may work in a limited range of non-hazardous jobs that include:

- ❖ Office and clerical work;
- ❖ Work of an intellectual or artistically creative nature;
- ❖ Bagging and carrying out customer's orders;
- ❖ Cashiering, selling, modeling, art work, advertising, window trimming, or comparative shopping;
- ❖ Pricing and tagging goods, assembling orders, packing, or shelving; and
- ❖ Cleaning up and yard maintenance (no power mowers, trimmers, etc.), limited cooking, kitchen and other work in preparing and serving food and drinks, cleaning of cooking equipment, delivering (by foot, bicycle or public transportation), lifeguard (must be 15 and properly certified), pumping gas and cleaning, hand-washing and polishing trucks and cars, wrapping, weighing, pricing and stocking any goods (not where meat is prepared or in freezers or coolers).

The restrictions on what work can be performed are quite extensive and too detailed to be covered here. Employers or their HR staff should go to 29 CFR §570.31 to 570.39 for a complete listing and full explanation of what is permitted for 14-15 year olds.

What about salary for young workers? As an incentive to hire youth, a special minimum wage program has been established for their employment. A minimum wage of not less than \$4.25 may be paid to employees under the age of 20 for their first 90 days of employment with

HR MATTERS

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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any employer as long as their work does not displace other workers. After 90 days of employment, or when the worker reaches age 20 (whichever comes first), the worker must receive at least the federal minimum wage.

In closing, let me refer back to my earlier warning that employers must also be aware of the special responsibility they have to ensure the safety of their young employees. Beyond the concern for not allowing hazardous types of work, employers must also make sure that young employees are not harassed by older employees, including those who may be almost the same age as the student employees. Employers and HR Offices must train all employees to know what behaviors are not permissible and what constitutes sexual harassment and/or bullying. They must also make sure that their young temporary employees also know the company's harassment policy, what is permissible and what is not, both in their own behavior and from their fellow employees. They must also be advised that they should not accept and should report any inappropriate sexual or otherwise harassing or bullying behavior and who they should report it to.

Summer employment is a great opportunity for both students and employers, but like any work relationship, to be successful, it must be properly managed and follow the laws that regulate it. Make it a good experience for all involved.

For more detailed information, please go to <http://www.dol.gov/whd/childlabor.htm> and <http://youth.eeoc.gov/>.

Nation

Obama tours twister-ravaged neighborhood in Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—Face to face with the legions of homeless and the bereaved, President Barack Obama on Sunday toured the apocalyptic landscape left by Missouri's killer tornado, consoled the community and committed the government to helping rebuild shattered lives.

"We're not going to stop 'til Joplin's back on its feet," Obama vowed. A memorial service where Obama spoke punctuated a day of remembrance one week after the disaster, as authorities pressed on with the task of identifying the victims and volunteers combed through wreckage of neighborhoods where nothing was left whole.

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JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—There are now 39 people who remain unaccounted for, plus four others whose families have reported them dead a week after a massive tornado hit Joplin.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety said Sunday that 39 people are unaccounted for, but that there are four more people whose family



President Barack Obama talks to residents and views damage from the tornado that devastated Joplin, Mo., Sunday, May 29, 2011.

members have reported as deceased. DPS says those four haven't been officially confirmed dead, however.

More than 130 people have been reported killed in the

storm that hit Joplin a week ago.

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The service erupted in cheers when Obama said, "I promise you your country will be there

with you every single step of the way," a pledge he extended to all parts of the nation raked by violent storms this season.

The Joplin tornado was the worst to hit the United States

in decades, leaving more than 130 dead and hundreds more injured. Thirty-nine people remain unaccounted for. There are four more people whom family members have reported as deceased, but those deaths haven't been officially confirmed.

Air Force One flew over a massive swath of brown—a land of flattened houses and stripped trees—on its approach to Joplin. On the ground, the destruction was even more stark and complete. Obama confronted painful sights at every turn and said nothing in his life measured up to what he saw this day.

Yet he spoke, too, of redemptive moments, the stoicism of the community and tales of plain luck. He told a story of a man he talked to who had taken a chicken pot pie out of the oven, heard the storm was coming, hid in a closet and "came out without a scratch." Obama celebrated the spirit of volunteers who have flocked to Joplin to help, the pickup truck owners who ferried people to the hospital and the citizens who lined

up for hours to donate blood to people they don't know.

"You've demonstrated a simple truth," he told the service, "that amid heartbreak and tragedy no one is a stranger. Everybody is a brother. Everybody is a sister. We can all love one another."

The crowd of hundreds at the service reflected a community in the midst of rebuilding: people in shorts and baseball caps, and plenty of babies who occasionally burst out crying. The president talked over the screeching until a baby was hurried out by the mother.

Obama got a notably warm reception in this conservative part of Missouri. His remarks were tailored for a religious service, with quotes from scripture, references to the love that binds people to each other, and comments on the essential goodness of humanity. The stories of the storm lead us to "put aside our petty grievances," the president said. "There are heroes all around us, all the time. So, in the wake of this tragedy, let us live up to their example: to make each day count."

Shuttle Endeavour leaves space station—forever

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—*Endeavour* and its crew of six departed the International Space Station late Sunday and headed home to wrap up NASA's next-to-last shuttle flight.

The space shuttle undocked—for the very last time—close to midnight as the two spacecraft soared more than 200 miles above Bolivia.

"Fair winds and following seas, guys," space station resident Ronald Garan, Jr. called out as he rang the ship's bell.

"Appreciate all the help," replied shuttle commander Mark Kelly.

Garan: "It was a pleasure serving with you boys."

Endeavour is due back on Earth early Wednesday. It will be retired to a California museum after this 16-day journey, its last. Before leaving the neighborhood of the space station, *Endeavour* took a photo-taking victory lap around the station

early Monday. Kelly and his crew also planned a test of a navigation system intended for future spacecraft.

Kelly got a special musical send-off late Sunday night from his wife, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. She's recuperating in Houston from a gunshot wound to the head.

The wakeup call was a song by a Tucson, Ariz., band. Kelly said the song, "Slowness" by Calxico, is about two people reaching across a distance, and references places in Tucson, the congresswoman's hometown.

"I know she really, really wants to get back there," he radioed. "It's an appropriate song because that's coming soon."

The two space crews said their goodbyes earlier in the day, right before the hatches closed between them.

Kelly was the last to leave the space station, lingering for a few seconds with the three



The crew of space shuttle *Endeavour* and the International Space Station gather for a joint news conference from the from the International Space Station Thursday, May 26, 2011.

space station residents.

"We're looking forward to getting home," Kelly said, "and we're going to leave these guys

to some peace and quiet and not disturb their space station any more."

The station's skipper, Rus-

sian Andrey Borisenko, wished the six shuttle astronauts a "soft landing."

Endeavour will return to Florida in the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday, never to fly in space again.

On its final journey, *Endeavour* delivered a \$2 billion cosmic ray detector that will remain on the space station for the next decade.

The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer already is collecting 25 million to 40 million cosmic particles a day worthy of analysis. It's searching for antimatter and dark matter, and scientists hope the findings will shed light on the origin of the universe.

Kelly and his crew also provided the space station with a platform full of spare parts and an extension boom for future repair work. The boom, installed Friday on the fourth spacewalk of the mission, marked the completion of the U.S. portion of the space station.

ACROSS THE NATION

Loughner's lawyers want notice if he is drugged

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Lawyers for the man charged in the deadly Tucson shooting rampage want federal officials to notify them if they plan to give their client psychotropic medication. A federal judge in Tucson ruled last week that 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner is mentally unfit to assist his lawyers or understand the charges he faces. He was sent Friday to a federal prison facility in Springfield, Mo., for treatment. Defense attorney Judy Clarke filed the motion late last week.

Deep snowpack, more grizzlies mean more encounters

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—There have been a half-dozen encounters between grizzly bears and humans reported in Montana this month alone, a number experts attribute to a growing bear population stuck in the low country because of the deep snowpack. Most of those encounters didn't turn out well for the bears. Four times, the grizzlies were shot and killed. Grizzly bears are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but their numbers have been growing in recent years, increasing the chance for encounters with humans, said Chris Servheen, the grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ala. town hit by tornadoes bans FEMA trailers

CORDOVA, Ala. (AP)—James Ruston's house was knocked off its foundation by tornadoes that barreled through town last month and is still uninhabitable. He thought help had finally arrived when a truck pulled up to his property with a mobile home from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Then he got the call: Single-wide mobile homes, like the FEMA one, are illegal in the city of Cordova.

The city's refusal to let homeless residents occupy temporary

housing provided by FEMA has sparked outrage in this central Alabama town of 2,000, with angry citizens filling a meeting last week and circulating petitions to remove the man many blame for the decision, Mayor Jack Scott.

Ruston and many others view the city's decision as heartless, a sign that leaders don't care that some people are barely surviving in the rubble of a blue-collar town.

"People have to live somewhere. What's it matter if it's in a trailer?" asked Felicia Boston,

standing on the debris-strewn lot where a friend has lived in a tent since a tornado destroyed his home on April 27.

Scott has heard all the complaints, and he isn't apologizing. He said he doesn't want run-down mobile homes parked all over town years from now.

"I don't feel guilty," he said. "I can look anyone in the eye."

Located about 35 miles northwest of Birmingham, Cordova was hit by a pair of powerful tornadoes on April 27, the day twisters killed more than 300

people across the Southeast. Officials say 238 died in Alabama, the highest death toll for any state in a spring of violent weather.

An EF-3 twister with winds of at least 140 mph slammed into the town around 5:30 a.m., knocking out power and damaging numerous buildings. An EF-4 with winds around 170 mph struck about 12 hours later, killing four people and cutting a path of destruction a half-mile wide through town.

Scores of homes, businesses and city buildings were de-

stroyed or damaged by the time the winds died down. Nearly every red-brick storefront was whacked along Main Street, which is now deserted and blocked by a chain-link fence.

Residents whose homes were destroyed assumed they would be able to live in one of the hundreds of long, skinny mobile homes that FEMA is providing as temporary housing for tornado victims. After all, the Cordova Police Department, a pharmacy, a bank and City Hall all have moved into similar trailers since the storm.

Asia

Cambodia's king seen as a 'prisoner' in his palace

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—As the sun sets and the last tourist departs his vast, fairy-tale palace, the gentle, dignified man is left almost alone with memories of happier times, before he became the reluctant king of Cambodia—and perhaps its last.

King Norodom Sihamoni may be heir to a royal line trailing back some 2,000 years, but he always seemed more suited to the arts scene in Europe, where he was a ballet dancer, than the rough and tumble politics of his homeland. Now, close aides and experts say, he has become figuratively, and more, a prisoner in his own palace.

The chief warden: Prime Minister Hun Sen, who rose from a poor rural background to become a brilliant and crafty, some say ruthless, politician.

Hun Sen consolidated power in a 1997 coup as Cambodia slowly emerged from being

dragged into the Vietnam War and its own civil war. While the country is nominally democratic, he uses all the machinery of government to lock up critics and ensure his re-election. Human rights groups allege that he and his business friends are enriching themselves, while most of the population remains mired in poverty.

His control extends over the palace. The king is surrounded by the government's watchdogs, overseen by Minister of Royal Affairs Kong Som Ol, an official close to Hun Sen. Sihamoni is closely chaperoned on his few trips outside palace walls, with the media kept away. Although the constitution endows him with considerable powers, these have never been granted.

"I think we can use the words 'puppet king.' His power has been reduced to nothing," says Son Chhay, an opposition member of Parliament and one of the

government's few outspoken critics. "The king must please the prime minister as much as possible in order to survive. It is sad to see."

It wasn't always so. Sihamoni's flamboyant and charismatic father, Norodom Sihanouk, bestrode the country like a colossus for decades. Many regarded him as a god-king, and thousands flocked to the plaza fronting the Royal Palace for fireworks and other lavish celebrations on his birthday.

Sihanouk abruptly abdicated in 2004 following confrontations with Hun Sen. Son Chhay and others say Sihamoni accepted the crown under pressure from parents hoping to ensure the survival of the monarchy.

Seven years later, "sad, lonely, abandoned" are words sympathetic Cambodians often use when describing Sihamoni. The 58-year-old monarch spends much of each day signing docu-

ments, receiving guests and handling other routine business, then retires mostly to dine alone and read, says Prince Sisowath Thomico, Sihamoni's private secretary and an adviser to his son.

Unlike his father, who had six wives and numerous lovers, Sihamoni is a lifelong bachelor and unlikely to leave an heir.

His birthday passed recently with little notice. Within the palace's crenelated walls, among the graceful pavilions and gilt spires, there was no sign of activity. Outside, knots of people went about their normal evening pastimes at the grassy, riverfront square, feeding pigeons, lounging on reed mats and snacking on lotus seeds and noodles.

"The king is a good, gentle

man, a symbol of Cambodia. But he has one problem: no power. He only stays inside the palace. On television the lead-



Sihamoni

ers bow down before him but behind his back there is no respect," said Sin Chhay, a young civil servant at the plaza. "You could say that Hun Sen is the real king of Cambodia."

Information Minister Khieu Kanharith insists the king is involved in social and religious affairs and judicial reviews, receives a monthly report from Hun Sen on government activities and makes recommendations on them.

"The current King Sihamoni has played an important role in restoring the ... monarchy. As a king and symbol of national unity he maintains strict neutrality and doesn't become

involved in any political activities," he said. "To say that he's a prisoner in the palace would be inappropriate."

Sihamoni, a former ballet dancer and cultural ambassador, spent 25 years in Czechoslovakia and France. That European past, Western diplomats say, is his great escape.

He returns regularly to what is now the Czech Republic, calling it "my second homeland," and has said his time in Prague "belongs to the happiest in my life." Fluent in the language—which reportedly vexes his keepers trying to eavesdrop on conversations with Czech visitors—he avidly reads Czech theater reviews and savors DVDs of ballets and operas.

He keeps in close touch with the family that cared for him after he arrived in the Czech capital at age 9. Thirteen years later, he graduated from Prague's Academy of Musical Art.



Fish pond workers prepare to remove dead milkfish locally known as Bangus after thousands of them were found floating on Taal Lake in Batangas province, south of Manila, Philippines, Sunday May 29, 2011.

800 tons of fish die, rot on PH fish farms

TALISAY, Philippines (AP)—More than 800 tons of fish have died and rotted on fish farms in a lake near Taal volcano south of Manila, with authorities blaming it on a sudden temperature drop.

The massive fish deaths started late last week but have eased. Officials have banned the sale of the rotting fish, which are being buried by the truckload in Talisay and three other towns in Batangas province, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources official Rose del Mundo said Sunday.

The deaths are unrelated to recent signs of restiveness in Taal volcano, which is surrounded by the lake where many villagers have grown milkfish and tilapia—staple foods for many Filipinos, officials said. The volcano and lake are a popular tourist draw.

Government volcanologist

Allan Loza said Monday that 115 earthquakes were detected in Taal in the past 24 hours compared to an average of 10 to 15 quakes daily in recent weeks, a sign that magma is rising from within the small volcano. Such unrest has been monitored since April, long before last week's fish deaths, he said.

Talisay agricultural officer Zenaida Macatangay said an initial investigation showed the deaths may have been caused by the temperature change as the rainy season set in last week after a scorching summer, which also depleted the lake's oxygen levels.

Schools of fish were seen swimming in circles before they floated dead to the surface in huge numbers. The deaths have occurred in the past at summer's end but in much smaller numbers, Mendoza said.

Some Taal lake areas turned white due to the massive numbers of dead milk-colored fish. Workers covered their noses with their hands or clothing Sunday as they scooped up the rotting fish and placed them into sacks.

"Many were sad and devastated because they invested a lot in these fish cages," Talisay Mayor Zenaida Mendoza told The Associated Press by telephone.

More than 400 tons of milkfish have died in Talisay alone since Friday in 84 out of about 1,000 fish pens—lake areas about half the size of a basketball court that are fenced off by bamboo poles and nets. Damage has been estimated at \$770,000 (33 million pesos), Mendoza said. About 400 tons more have died in the other towns.

US soldiers in Afghanistan mark Memorial Day

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Nearly a decade later, after more than 1,400 killed in combat, some U.S. troops paused for a moment Sunday to remember what brought America to Afghanistan and to honor the lives that continue to be lost.

Black Hawk helicopters churned through the night sky as a strong wind coming over Kabul's surrounding mountains blew against the flickering candles that cast an orange glow on those gathered for the ceremony at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters.

Earlier in the day, those working there enjoyed one of their five days off a year from building police stations, dams and other projects in a nation torn by decades of war. Col. Thomas Magness, 47, of Los Angeles,

California urged the more than 100 corps employees and U.S. troops gathered there to remember the meaning of Memorial Day—advice that could carry home to America.

"While we were playing volleyball today, no doubt some soldier gave the ultimate sacrifice," the corps commander said.

Memorial Day, instituted to honor America's war dead, will be observed Monday with a public holiday. This Memorial Day comes before the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, which ultimately brought U.S. troops into Afghanistan to unseat the Taliban government and hunt terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

"Our country got attacked, and we're here to fight the war on it," said Roger Nowicki of the corps.

While Navy SEALs shot and killed bin Laden earlier this month in neighboring Pakistan, the U.S.-led war here continues. President Barack Obama plans to draw down U.S. troops beginning in July, while NATO has committed to handing over control of security in the country to Afghans by 2014.

In the meantime, the war grinds on toward its 10th year. The sharp pangs of loss are visible on some attending the event, like Maj. Erica Iverson, 33, of Vermillion, South Dakota. She spoke of serving as a casualty assistance officer after the 2010 death of Staff Sgt. Adam Dickmyer of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who once served as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Poll: Most Japanese distrust gov't on nuke crisis

TOKYO (AP)—A new poll shows that more than three-quarters of Japanese voters do not trust government information on the country's nuclear crisis. Eighty-one percent of respondents to the survey by Fuji Television Network said they did not trust government information on the crisis at the tsunami-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged the plant's cooling systems, causing the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl. Nearly 85 percent of respondents said the utility that operates the plant is dealing with the crisis poorly.

Roadside bomb kills 4 Afghan police

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan government says a roadside bomb has killed four police officers in southern Afghanistan.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement Monday the officers were on a convoy patrol with NATO forces when their vehicle struck a bomb laid in the road. The blast happened Sunday evening in Nad Ali district of Helmand province, a former Taliban stronghold where U.S. Marines have poured in to try to establish peace and a functioning government.

China urges death penalty in deadly food scandals

BEIJING (AP)—China's supreme court is encouraging judges across the country to issue heavier sentences, including the death penalty, for people convicted in food safety scandals. The Supreme People's Court said in a notice posted on its website Friday that courts should impose longer jail sentences and larger fines on people found guilty of violating food safety regulations. It said death sentences should be given in cases where people died.

World

Yemen leader accused of allowing Islamist takeover

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Hundreds of Islamic militants cemented control over a town in southern Yemen on Sunday, even seizing army tanks, military officials said, while breakaway army units encouraged other military forces to switch their loyalties and join the uprising.

The growing number of defections in the military posed the most serious threat yet to President Ali Abdullah Saleh's three-decade grip on his country.

A leader of the breakaway forces, Maj. Gen. Abdullah Ali Elewa, appealed to other units to join.

"Stand side by side with the courageous armed forces, Republican Guards and security officers who endorsed the peaceful popular youthful revolution and announced their support to stand up to the tyrants and corrupt, and unjust," he said.

Elewa, a former defense minister, was one of nine military officers who signed the statement, named "Statement Number One" in the style of a military regime, though the officers are not in power. The group included leaders of four of Yemen's five military divisions.

Saleh labeled them "traitors" and "war mongers."

"We understand the demands of the youth revolution, but we ask them first to get rid of those corrupt, agent and traitor elements who defected from the military," Saleh said in a statement.

Late Sunday, several explosions were heard in the capital Sanaa. Their origin was not known.

Also, witnesses in the southern city of Taiz said secu-



Armed Yemeni tribesmen, flash the victory sign while gathering outside the Ministry of Local Administration in Sanaa, Yemen, Sunday, May 29, 2011.

city forces attacked protesters camped out in the central square with rifles and water cannon in an attempt to clear the area. Doctors said 150 people were taken to hospitals with injuries. In an earlier clash in Taiz, six protesters were killed, activists and doctors said.

Throughout the three months of protests against his 33-year

rule, Saleh has repeatedly argued that the terror group would overrun the impoverished corner of the Arabian peninsula if he falls.

Critics say he's bluffing.

"He wants to ... confirm his false claims that if he gives up power, the homeland will be destroyed," Elewa said.

Hundreds of Islamic militants stormed Zinjibar, a small

town of more than 20,000 people near the shores of the Gulf of Aden, on Friday, seizing a number of banks and government offices.

Military officials said the militants extended their control starting late Saturday night, capturing six army tanks and several armored cars after the governor, the security chief and the commander of a local army brigade withdrew.

Other army units clashed with the militants around the town Sunday, shelling it from the outskirts and forcing terrified residents to flee or cower in their homes.

Medical and military officials said eight civilians and 18 soldiers have been killed since Saturday. Scores more have been injured.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Ali Dahmis, a political analyst in the town, said officials who supported Saleh fled early, making it easier for militants to stream in.

Col. Abdullah al-Badawi, who defected from Saleh's regime and led his men to fight the Islamists, claimed the militants were in fact supporters of Saleh.

"We will chase the mujahideen, the supporters of President Saleh, and will never allow them to have a foothold in Abyan," he said, referring to the province of which Zinjibar is the capital.

Elewa, said Saleh sought to spread fear "that Yemen without him will become an-

other Somalia."

Saleh's political opponents and experts on Yemeni affairs discount such fears, though the estimated 300 fighters of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula could exploit the growing turmoil to operate more freely in remote parts of the country.

Washington considers the group to be the biggest terrorist threat to the U.S. It has been linked to the December 2009 attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner and the plot to put U.S.-addressed parcel bombs onto air cargo flights.

It is not clear if the militants who seized Zinjibar were linked to al-Qaida. Yemen is home to numerous other Islamic extremist groups.

Islamist militants also took over the nearby town of Jaar at the end of March, and there were similar accusations then that the government purposely stood aside.

The United States, which once considered Saleh a necessary ally in fighting Yemen's active al-Qaida branch, has turned its back on the ruler, calling for him to transfer power peacefully.

Saleh has clung to power despite daily protests, a wave of defections by army officers and political and tribal allies, and international condemnation of a crackdown that has killed more than 150 protesters.

Saleh has refused to sign a U.S.-backed proposal by Yemen's powerful Gulf Arab neighbors to step down in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

WORLD BRIEFS

Goodluck Jonathan sworn in as Nigeria's president

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Goodluck Jonathan was sworn in Sunday for a full four-year term as president of Nigeria and is now faced with the challenge of uniting a country that saw deadly postelection violence despite what observers called the fairest vote in more than a decade. Hours after the ceremony, a series of bomb blasts at an army barracks in Bauchi in the country's northeast killed at least five people, according to a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Zelaya: Honduras coup was international conspiracy

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya said Sunday the coup that toppled him two years ago was an international conspiracy and that some of those plotting his ouster wanted to kill him. Zelaya ended his long exile and returned to Honduras on Saturday under a deal brokered by Colombia and Venezuela, paving the way for the poor Central American country's return to the Organization of American States and reintegration into the world community.

Cheetah captured while roaming Abu Dhabi

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—A city of gleaming skyscrapers along the Persian Gulf hardly seems a fitting habitat for a cheetah, but there it was prowling among residential villas in Abu Dhabi. An animal welfare activist who helped rescue the urban cheetah on Sunday said it might have been kept as a pet and had an injured front left paw—perhaps from leaping off a roof, where some owners of exotic pets keep their animals.

Clashes erupt in Belgrade to protest Mladic arrest

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—Protesters throwing stones and bottles clashed with baton-wielding riot police Sunday in Belgrade after several thousand Serbian nationalist supporters of jailed war-crimes suspect Ratko Mladic rallied outside the parliament building to demand his release.

By the time the crowds broke up by late evening, about 100 people were arrested and 16 minor injuries were reported. That amounted to a victory for the pro-Western government, which

arrested Mladic on Thursday, risking the wrath of the nationalist old guard in a country with a history of much larger and more virulent protests.

Rioters overturned garbage containers, broke traffic lights and set off firecrackers as they rampaged through downtown. Cordons of riot police blocked their advances, and skirmishes took place in several locations in the center of the capital.

Doctors said six police officers were among the 16 people

brought to a hospital with minor injuries. Police remained on the streets as the crowds broke up.

The clashes began after a rally that drew at least 7,000 demonstrators, many singing nationalist songs and carrying banners honoring Mladic, the former Bosnian Serb military commander. Some chanted right-wing slogans and a few gave Nazi salutes.

Supporters of the extreme nationalist Serbian Radical Party were bused in to attend the rally.

Right-wing extremists and hooligan groups also urged followers to appear in large numbers, creating the biggest test of Serbian sentiment and the government's resolve since Mladic's arrest.

The demonstrators, who consider Mladic a hero, said Serbia should not hand him over to the U.N. war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands.

"Cooperation with The Hague tribunal represents treason," Radical Party official Lidija Vukicevic told the crowd. "This is

a protest against the shameful arrest of the Serbian hero."

Demonstrators demanded the ouster of Serbian President Boris Tadic, who ordered Mladic's arrest. A sign on the stage read, "Tadic is not Serbia."

More than 3,000 riot police were deployed around government buildings and Western embassies, fearing that the demonstration could turn violent. Riot police tried to block small groups of extremists from reaching the rally.

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—About 30,000 people protested in Athens' central Syntagma square on Sunday evening against the government's tough economic austerity policies.

The demonstration, larger than many others that have taken place during Greece's economic crisis, appeared to be the first that resulted from spontaneous calls over social media sites such as Facebook. Many others have been organized by unions or political factions.

Pointing at Parliament and

Greeks demonstrate against austerity measures

its 300 legislators, many of Sunday's protesters chanted "Thieves! Thieves!" Others shouted slogans against Prime Minister George Papandreou and the International Monetary Fund.

No violence was reported and few police were on the scene.

Papandreou, buffeted by negative polls and protests such as these, has vowed to continue his

fiscal reforms.

On Sunday, he warned against "sirens" calling for Greece to default on its debt. Speaking to an audience of local officials in western Greece, Papandreou said it is "foreign taxpayers' money" that has allowed his nation to continue paying public sector salaries and pensions.

Reforms are painful, but they are starting to pay off and the

economy will return to growth in 2012, he said.

Two polls published earlier Sunday showed the governing Socialists neck and neck with opposition conservatives. In one poll, the conservatives led for the first time since they were trounced at elections 20 months ago.

Debt inspectors from the European Union, the IMF and

the European Central Bank are in Athens to monitor progress on last year's euro110 billion (\$155.8 billion) bailout loan deal for Greece, which remains shut out of the bond markets and is facing a potential financing gap in 2012. They will determine whether Athens has met criteria for a June loan installment, worth euro12 billion and vital to

avoid a summer default.

But the austerity measures have significantly eroded the incomes of many Greeks, causing widespread anger and further depressing an already shrinking economy. Greece's economic output dropped 4.5 percent in 2010 and is expected to shrink a further 2.7 percent this year.

Popular anger at the measures has made calls for Greece to default popular, despite warnings by ministers that the country cannot afford such an option.

Focus

Man celebrates 85 years of living with diabetes

By SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
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LOS ANGELES (AP)—When Bob Krause turned 90 last week, it was by virtue of an unflagging determination and a mentality of precision that kept his body humming after being diagnosed with diabetes as a boy.

A leading diabetes research center named the San Diego resident the first American known to live 85 years with the disease, a life that has paralleled—and benefited from—the evolution in treatment.

Krause's wife of 56 years, his family and friends celebrated his longevity Sunday with a party and a medal from the Joslin Diabetes Center to commemorate his 85-year milestone.

"Bob has outlived the life expectation of a normal healthy person born in 1921," said his physician, Dr. Patricia Wu, attributing Krause's success to his strong character. "He knows that he has to deal with this and he sees this as a part of his life, he doesn't let this get him down."

The trim, white-haired Krause puts it more succinctly: "I'm a stubborn old man. I refuse to give up."

That trait certainly plays into how closely he has tracked his body's chemistry and become expert in the life-saving math that has kept his diabetes under control.

About 18.8 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes and an estimated 7 million more live with the disease unwittingly. Krause's form of diabetes, type 1, was once known more commonly as juvenile diabetes, and the more common form of diabetes of-

“My dad, he is just a machine in how well he cares and manages his diabetes, with his willpower and how long he's been doing it.”

ten tied to obesity is type 2.

About 3 million Americans live with type 1 diabetes, a chronic illness in which their bodies don't make enough insulin, which is needed to convert blood sugar into energy. The exact cause is unknown, though genetics and autoimmune problems are thought to play a role.

Life expectancy is diminished for many diabetics because they face a higher risk of serious health complications, including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney damage and limb amputations. Many struggle to manage blood pressure.

The former University of Washington mechanical engineering professor says he's succeeded because he treats his body like a car and he only eats enough food to fuel the machine.

"To keep your diabetes under control you only eat the food you need to before you have activities to perform," Krause said. "I eat to keep me alive instead of eating all the time, or for pleasure."

He says he's not as active as he once was, so he doesn't need a lot of fuel—or variation in diet. For breakfast every day, he eats a bowl of nuts and five pitted prunes. He usually skips lunch and eats a salad with some lean meat for dinner.

"I was surprised when they told me I was the oldest, because I knew there were oth-

ers out there. I certainly didn't think I was a loner," Krause said after being presented the medal.

The first time Krause met Dr. Wu at Kaiser Permanente San Diego, he came into the endocrinologist's office with a briefcase full of meticulous hand-drawn graphs charting months of his blood sugar levels, caloric intake and insulin doses.

He tests his blood up to a dozen times a day and he brings in updated charts every visit, Wu said.

"I think that's a testament of why he is successful in living with this very difficult to live with condition," she said. "Because of his persistence, his consistency, his hard work."

Krause's careful attention is not unlike many others who have been awarded by Joslin for successfully living with the illness for decades, according to researcher Stephanie Hastings.

The Boston-based center has honored longtime diabetes survivors since 1948, and 34 have earned 75-year medals.

Hastings said Krause is like many longtime successful diabetics, who "always have more information than we need."

If anything, Wu has worked with Krause over the past three years to be a little less rigid so that he doesn't overdose himself with insulin and push his blood sugar too low.

It can be tough to change the patterns of a patient who has dealt with an illness for so long.

Krause was lucky to be diagnosed with diabetes not long after the commercial production of insulin made it widely available. It was 1926, and he was 5 years old and living in Detroit where his father worked for the U.S. Rubber Co.

Krause's younger brother Jackie died of diabetes after being diagnosed a year earlier because insulin wasn't yet available.

Before the discovery of insulin, a diabetes diagnosis was a death sentence, with an expected survival of a couple years at most if patients undertook starvation diets to buy more time.

"I watched Jackie die by starving to death," Krause said. "Before insulin, diabetics would just die because eating doesn't make any difference: anything that you ate couldn't be converted and you literally starved to death because your body couldn't absorb anything."

Canadian scientists Frederick Banting and John Macleod made the discovery in 1921 through experiments with a mixture of ground cow pancreas water and salts that eventually became insulin.

When experimenting with the mixture in humans began in 1922, scientists found they were literally injecting life into people who were wasting away. The discovery led to a Nobel Prize in 1923.

When Krause began taking insulin, diabetics had to boil glass syringes with long needles, sharpening the point when it would go blunt with wear.

Krause remembers how his mother, having lost one child to diabetes, weighed every piece of food Krause ate and kept him on a strict diet. By the time he was 6, he was giving himself injections in the arms or legs at every meal.

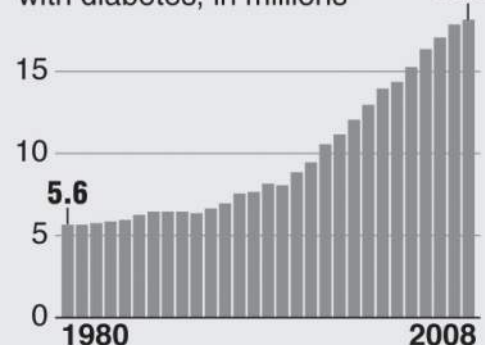
Back then, blood sugar testing was imprecise, messy and inconvenient. Krause would boil his urine in a test tube and drop a tablet into it that would turn different colors based on how much blood sugar was in the sample.

Diabetes threat

As many as 1 in 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by 2050 if current trends continue, and the number of cases worldwide is also forecasted to skyrocket.

U.S. trend

Annual number of people with diabetes, in millions



U.S. forecast

Number of new cases

2008	8 in 1,000
2050	15 in 1,000

Global forecast

Number of people with diabetes

2010	285 million
2050	438 million

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Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, International Diabetes Federation
Graphic: Pat Carr

Since 1978, Krause has relied on his insulin pump to administer his dosages into his stomach, though he enters the amount of the dose himself rather than relying on automated doses of insulin that pumps can give throughout the day.

Krause's son, Tom Krause, said his engineer father has always been precise, measured and calculated—down to the box of sugar cubes he always kept next to his bed in case he felt faint.

"Having a sugar cube is a precise measurement—that's how much he kept track, down to the cube of sugar," said Tom Krause, 50.

And though Tom Krause inherited his father's diabetes, he doesn't share his father's regimented control of the illness.

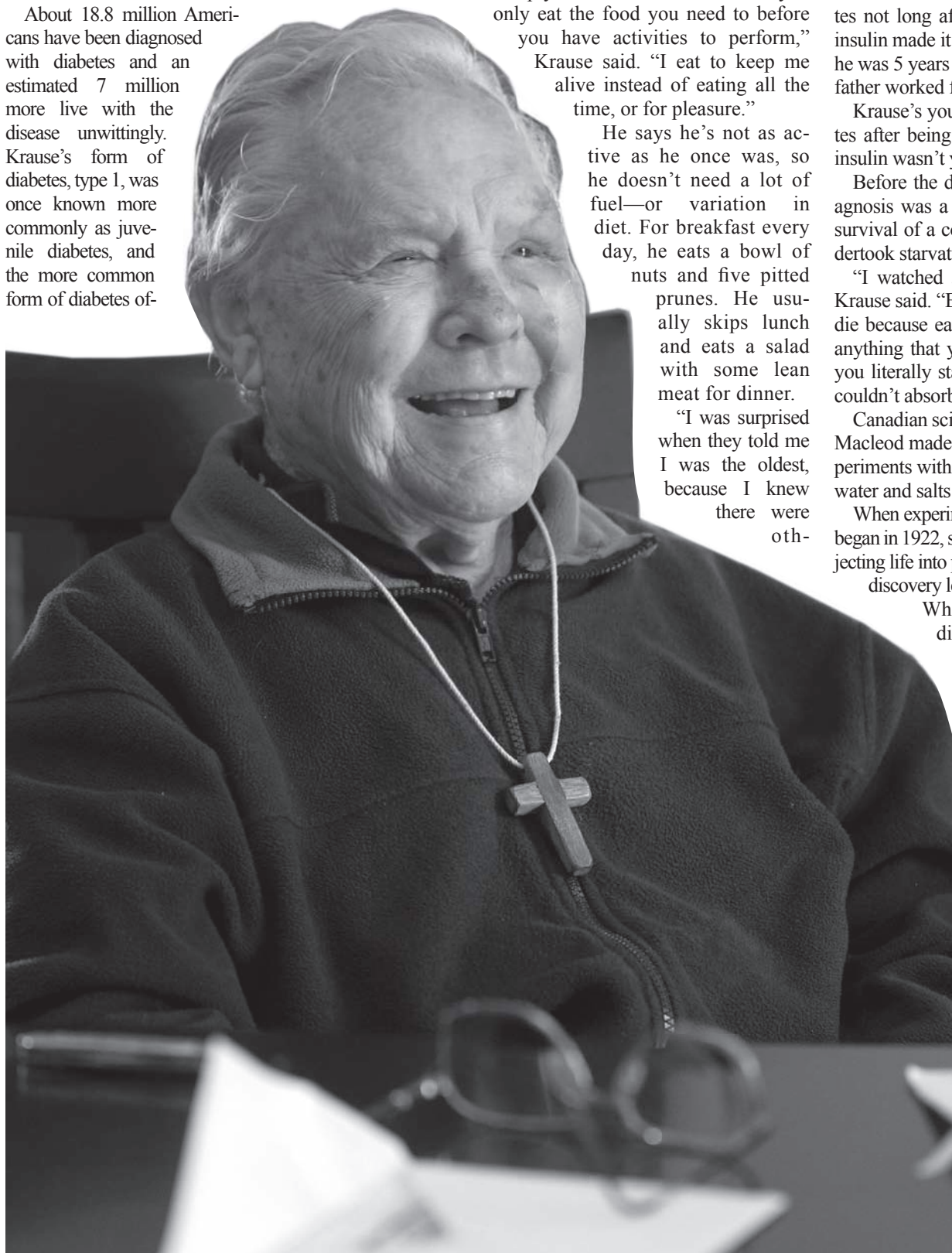
"My dad, he is just a machine in how well he cares and manages his diabetes, with his willpower and how long he's been doing it," Tom Krause said.

Krause praises the advent of blood testing as one of the most life-changing moments in diabetes medicine, since it allows him to get a more precise reading of his blood sugar levels by pricking his finger for a test strip that is read by a machine.

"It's easier to control things today than it was back then. Back then you just ate a meal and that's all you ate all day long, you didn't eat anything in between and if your blood sugar got low, you would feel faint and drink orange juice and wait," Krause said.

Though they've worked together to make sure his treatment keeps up with the times, Krause reminds Wu of the same thing each time he leaves her office.

"He'll say, 'I've been doing this for 80-number of years and it has gotten me this far and I'm still here, so who are you to tell me how to do this? I've been doing this since before you were born,'" Wu recalls with a laugh.



AP
Bob Krause talks about his life as America's longest living Type 1 diabetic during his 90th birthday celebration in San Diego, Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Overdrive



The Honda Civic EX-L is a five-passenger, four-door car that is one of the more technologically tricked-out versions.

2012 Honda Civic offers drivers more options

By SUSAN CARPENTER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

It depends perhaps upon one's affection for cars, but the biggest compliment to be paid to the 2012 Honda Civic is its utter lack of flash.

Now in its ninth generation, the redesigned Civic is the automotive equivalent of beige. It's a well-engineered wallflower with a no-muss, no-fuss driving experience. And I mean that in the best way possible.

There's a reason almost 9 million Honda Civics have been sold in the U.S. since this compact car was introduced in 1973, most notably its extreme sensibility. Not only is it affordable, it's reliable. The latest generation Civic continues those themes, adding increased fuel economy and options.

Starting at \$16,355 with destination charge, the 2012 Civic gives drivers more significant choices than the number of doors or the type of transmission or interior amenities. Different versions are powered with gas, natural gas and hybrid drivetrains.

There's also a high-performance, 2.4-liter, 201-horsepower version called the Si with a six-speed manual

NUTS & BOLTS

2012 Honda Civic:

- Base price: \$16,355 (including destination charge)
- Price as tested: \$24,205 (including destination charge)
- Powertrain: Multipoint fuel injection, 1.8-liter, inline four-cylinder, four valves per cylinder, i-TEC intelligent valve control system, SOHC, five-speed automatic, continuously variable transmission
- Torque: 128 pound-feet at 4,300 rpm
- Horsepower: 140 at 6,500 rpm
- Wheelbase: 105.1 inches
- Overall length: 177.3 inches
- Curb weight: 2,773 pounds
- 0 to 60: 9.2 seconds
- EPA fuel economy: 28 mpg city/39 mpg highway
- Final thoughts: Unpretentious performer

transmission, as well as a new aerodynamically optimized high-efficiency model called the HF that, according to EPA estimates, squeezes up to 41 miles per gallon from its standard 140-horsepower, 1.8-liter engine.

At this time, only the Civic Sedan,

Coupe and Hybrid are available at dealers; the Si, HF and natural gas versions have later on-sale dates. A Honda Motor Co. spokesman has said that Civic production, along with most Honda model production, has been affected by parts supply issues stemming from the March earthquake.

I was testing the highest-end Civic Sedan, the \$24,205 EX-L—a five-passenger, four-door car that is one of the more technologically tricked-out versions, designed for the sorts of early adopters who stand in line at the Apple Store awaiting the latest gadget.

The center stack display is upgraded with a new 16-gigabyte navigation system that responds to more than 700 voice commands and incorporates an outrageous 10 million points of interest. FM traffic, which provides real-time traffic information over the radio without a subscription, is new for 2012.

But the biggest news with the 2012 Civic, as with most cars that are actually selling in this era of cringingly high gas prices, is fuel economy. It's 10 percent more fuel efficient than its predecessor.

The Environmental Protection

Agency estimates the Civic EX-L gets 32 mpg combined highway and city driving. I averaged just 26.7 over the 123 miles I drove the car—and that was employing the Econ feature for most of the time I was gripping its telescoping, leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Honda first introduced this Econ mode on its 2010 Insight and, last year, on its CR-Z. Its inclusion on the Civic is its first on a non-hybrid vehicle. Pushing the green button on the dashboard, just to the left of the steering wheel, makes the throttle feel as if it's been shot with Novocain. Its response is less immediate, which is only bad if you drive as I do: impatiently.

An addiction to torque is one of my greater character flaws. Like many Americans, I wrestle with a dueling desire for performance and fuel efficiency that neither harms the environment nor clobbers the pocketbook. The Honda Civic urges drivers like me to tread lightly, to drive consciously.

Toward that end, the new Civic incorporates an Eco Assist feature that is sort of like having Ed Begley Jr. along for the ride. A coach to inspire greener driving, Eco Assist is a dashboard display within the instrument cluster. Drive in a manner that would get the nod from Begley, and the background lighting looks green. Floor it, and the light turns blue, though red would probably be more effective.

The most, which is to say, only, truly eye-catching feature of the new Civic is its dashboard. Futuristic looking, it is gauged in bright blue. It is also customizable with wallpaper, similar to the screen of a computer or cellphone. Pictures can be uploaded and displayed on the dashboard through the USB port in the driver's armrest.

Forward thinking and fuel efficiency are important. Personally, I like a touch of flash in what I drive. But the ride quality is solid, its handling effortless, its suspension comfortable without being too squishy or too firm. The 2012 Honda Civic is about as unpretentious as it gets.



Before servicing car, find cause of warning light

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I took my 2000 Cadillac DeVille in for an oil change, and at the time there was a notice on my dashboard saying "service engine soon." They changed my oil and recommended a list of services in order to get the light to go off, including an air filter, cabin filter, motor mount, front and rear brakes, transmission torque converter or overhaul and a side marker bulb. The car still runs fine. What should I do to get the notice to go off on my dash?

ANSWER: Your vehicle may or may not need those routine maintenance services, but the only problem that could directly trigger the light is a transmission or torque converter problem. Before you have any service done, find out the specific fault codes that triggered the light and are stored in the powertrain control module (PCM) memory.

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Q: I have a 1997 Dodge Ram 1500 with the 360-cubic-inch V8 engine. It has 177,400 miles on it. About six months ago, the fuel gauge started giving false readings. It was accurate after a fill, but after using 3 or 4 gallons, the gauge reads "empty" and the low-fuel indicator light comes on. At 16 gallons, the needle comes off empty and the light goes out. Within 2 more gallons, the needle returns to empty and the light comes back on. I refuel based on the odometer and the truck's miles-per-gallon rating. Does the gauge operate separately from the pump or am I risking a sudden shutdown? Can the gauge mechanism be replaced/repared independently of the pump?

A: I suspect there's a dead spot on the resistor track in the fuel gauge sending unit. The sender is mounted on the fuel-pump module inside the fuel tank and incorporates a float arm that moves up and down with the fuel level, varying the electrical resistance in the fuel gauge circuit.

The good news: It's independent of the fuel pump, so as long as there's adequate fuel in the tank, you won't suffer a "sudden shutdown." The bad news: To test, service or replace the sending unit, the fuel tank must be removed from the vehicle. If you decide to fix this, the sending unit can be replaced independently from the pump. But if it's the original fuel pump with that many miles, it might make sense to replace the pump as well.

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Q: What is your opinion of Ford's decision not to import the Ford Fiesta Econetic from England to the United States for "business reasons"? It sounds like Ford thinks it cannot make enough profit on this imported car—and that Americans do not want a diesel car.

A: So far, they're correct. I think Ford's reasoning is more along the lines of "not enough" Americans want diesel-powered cars—regardless of fuel economy benefits—to justify the staggering costs of emissions certification, crash testing, importing, training sales and service personnel, inventorying parts, advertising and introducing a new model to the U.S. market.

At least not yet!

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UNDER THE HOOD

Leaking steering fluid a bad sign

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
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QUESTION: Recently, I've needed to refill my power-steering fluid regularly to keep the power steering from making noises and becoming stiff. There's also a puddle beneath the car where I park; I assume it's leaking fluid. How difficult would this be to fix? Is it something I can do myself?—Paul Kerry

ANSWER: I wish I had good news for you, but this will likely be a pro-level repair. There are four, perhaps five possible places for the fluid to come from. Let's look at each.

Most vehicles use a belt-driven power-steering pump to create hydraulic force to assist steering effort. Power-steering fluid comes in a variety of colors—clear, amber, pink, red—and darkens with age, becoming

ing brown to black when it's time to flush it. Fluid is pumped at pressures as high as 1000 psi to the steering rack or gear box.

Most passenger cars employ rack-and-pinion steering, which is a large transverse cylinder mounted low or centered in the engine bay, either slightly ahead of or behind the wheels. Trucks and older or larger cars use a steering gearbox, which mounts low or forward in the engine compartment on the driver's side. The steering rack steers the wheels directly, via tie rods, while the steering box utilizes a drag link and idler arm to connect to the tie rods.

A rubber high-pressure hose connects between the pump and the steering rack or box. A low-pressure return hose brings fluid back, sometimes via a power-steering cooler, to the pump. Also, some vehicles employ a length

of hose between a remotely mounted fluid reservoir and the pump. Your best scenario—and most likely cause of leakage—is a fault related to one of these hoses. Usually it's the high-pressure hose. Snugging the clamps on the reservoir and return-line hoses may be worth a try. The pressure hose end-fitting clamps are typically crimped, and are not repairable.

Fluid leaks can also occur from a faulty seal in the pump or faulty seals in the steering rack or gear box. A leaking seal might be temporarily fixed by using a seal-swelling fluid additive, but this probably will not be a lasting fix. On rare occasions, a power-steering cooler may spring a leak, probably due to a crack caused by vibration.

Try to get a look beneath the vehicle to determine the general area of leakage. Use ramps or a pair of

solidly placed jack stands on firm, level ground—never trust a single jack. With the engine not running and parts cool, wipe down as much lingering fluid mess as possible, then run the engine for a few moments while slowly sawing the steering wheel back and forth perhaps five times. Again with the engine off and parts cool, look for the specific site of leakage. A hose replacement may be within the skill level of a home mechanic, but some are difficult to access. Replacement of a faulty pump or the steering rack or box can be a miserable job best left to a pro.

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Life & Style

WEST HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP)—This is the world Nelson Hebo was born into: a world of poverty and violence and disease, where soldiers dragged young men from streets at rifle-point, where gunfire shattered the night, where he was lucky to eat one meal a day.

Older brothers disappeared during the civil war. Other siblings died of tuberculosis, rampant in the streets of Luanda, Angola's capital city.

But the skinny kid with the big smile found a unique escape. Over and over the boy would play a tape of the Three Tenors—a gift from someone who had heard him sing in church. He would lose himself in the beauty of arias he could not begin to understand.

"O Sole Mio." "Nessun dorma." "De' miei bollenti spiriti."

Nelson would scribble out the words phonetically. And then he would sing along, mimicking Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo in the tiny adobe house he shared with his parents and siblings.

His family thought the boy, the second youngest of 15, was mad. But everyone could hear the beauty in his voice. At Mass, worshippers would weep when Nelson sang "Ave Maria."

The boy grew into a handsome young man with a magnetic personality. Now 26, his voice still makes listeners weep. But his world has utterly changed.

Nelson's journey has been an odyssey as dramatic and surreal as any opera, sweeping him from the war-ravaged streets of Luanda to the universities and opera houses of Europe and America.

And yet, in a sense, it is a journey that is just beginning.

On Sept. 21, 2000, his 16th birthday, Nelson Hebo met the man who would change his life forever.

At the time, Nelson was his family's main breadwinner, singing in churches and small clubs, using his paltry earnings to pay for food and medicine. That is where Alfonso Barragues stumbled upon him, as the 32-year-old Spaniard, a human rights officer with the United Nations, was relaxing in a music hall with friends.

At first Barragues, a lifelong opera lover, didn't know whether to laugh or cry at the scrawny kid in an oversized white suit butchering the songs he loved. And yet he was moved to invite Nelson to his house in the UN compound a few days later.

In the living room Barragues played a tape of Pavarotti singing "Una furtiva lagrima" from the opera "L'elisir d'amore."

"Oh that is very beautiful," Nelson said. He hummed some notes, and then, to Barragues' astonishment, he began to sing—clear and pure and pitch-perfect.

"That is when I knew I had to help this boy," Barragues says. "I didn't know how, or where it would take me. But I knew I had to try."

Barragues drove Nelson all over the city, introducing him to opera-loving friends and diplomats. The reaction was always the same: spellbound shock at such a powerful voice exploding from such a small frame.

Barragues' friends urged caution. Nelson is a simple boy, they said. What are you thinking, filling his head with dreams?

Barragues worried, too. But increasingly he grew more certain. There was something special about Nelson, more than his voice. It was a warm, engaging energy mixed with a kind of spiritual



In this March 10, 2011 photo, tenor Nelson Hebo sings in a concert with prominent and rising opera stars at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York. AP

Portrait of a young singer on the cusp of stardom

By HELEN O'NEILL
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joy and wisdom that seemed far greater than his years.

He would do whatever it took to help him.

The day Nelson left Angola was one of the saddest of his life. His elderly parents clung to him, as if they knew they were hugging him for the last time.

It was June 2001. A few days earlier Barragues had called excitedly from Madrid. He had managed to secure two auditions for Nelson, one with the Royal Conservatory of Music and the other with Carlos III University of Madrid. Singers from all over the world would be vying for the spots.

Barragues barely recognized the emaciated figure who stepped off the plane. Sick with early stage tuberculosis, Nelson's face was gaunt, his head bald.

Barragues' heart sank. The auditions were in a week. How could Nelson possibly sing in this condition?

Nelson knew how. He thought of his parents, of the sisters who were sick and the brother who had coughed up blood before dying in front of him. He thought of all the other young men in Angola who could only dream of such an opportunity.

He sang with such passion the judges cheered.

And so began what Nelson calls the "crazy time" of his life, an immersion in a country and culture and way of life so different from the one he had left that there were times he wondered if it was all a dream.

There was early inspiration. Placido Domingo happened to be performing in Madrid at the time. Friends of Barragues arranged an introduction. Trembling, the young tenor sang "Una furtiva lagrima" as his hero accompanied him on piano.

"You have a beautiful voice," Domingo told him. "You need to study hard to develop it."

In Angola, Nelson had belted out songs with abandon. In Spain, he would learn to pace his voice, not push it. He would learn the language of opera: bel canto, tessitura, passaggio.

Nelson has an easygoing nature and an infectious sense of joy. He made friends on the soccer field, in coffee shops and dance clubs. He charmed the public relations people at the Teatro Royal into slipping him opera tickets whenever they had a free seat. He sang for the king.

When Barragues returned to Madrid a year later for the annual university concert, he could hardly believe the poised young man who strode on stage in a tuxedo as the audience chanted "Nelson! Nelson!"

Barragues broke the news over the phone: Nelson's mother, who had done so much to shield her youngest son from the war, at one point sending him to a seminary for safety, had died. Nelson ached with homesickness and uncertainty. He was tortured by nightmares about those who had died and those he had left behind.

People wonder all the time: Is that why he sings with such feeling, such pathos? Do the sorrows of his life inspire the crying in his voice?

"Of course, if I am singing about death, I think about my family, the ones who died," Nelson says. "But usually I just feel the song, whether it's happy or sad. And when I feel it, the voice just flows."

"Once in a while you come across THAT voice, THAT talent, that honest-to-goodness great natural sound," said Julian Rodescu, a 58-year-old bass, a professional opera singer who lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and now spends more time teaching than singing.

Rodescu, who first heard Nelson sing in Genoa in 2004, quickly became a mentor, friend and vocal coach. He arranged for Nelson to audition at the

prestigious Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia in 2005. But Nelson was sick with a cold and he performed poorly. For a time he studied in Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, but his visa ran out and he was forced to return to Spain.

There followed a couple of frustrating and aimless years when Nelson questioned everything about himself. Failing to get into the Academy of Vocal Arts had deeply shaken his confidence. Maybe his voice was not as good as everyone said. Maybe he should forget trying to becoming an opera star and just start singing jazz.

Friends told him how lucky he was, reminding him of all he had escaped, and all he had achieved. His years in Spain had transformed him into a sophisticated, educated, polished young man who had traveled all over Europe, who was fluent in five languages, whose voice was growing richer all the time.

But Nelson did not feel lucky. "I felt lost," he says.

Nelson grew up in a deeply religious home. He has an abiding faith that God has blessed him with his talent, and that if he takes care of it, God will take care of him. And so, when he received a call from some American opera friends, whom he had met through Rodescu, he was sure God had rescued him.

They had arranged an audition with the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. Suddenly Nelson's dream was alive again.

Classes, rehearsals, competitions, performances—thrilled to be studying again, Nelson hurled himself into his hectic new life, winning friends and admirers at every turn.

In Connecticut, Nelson expanded his repertoire, working on his technique and stamina. He racked up accolades in recitals, winning competitions and attending master classes, where opera

stars work with young singers on improving skills.

One of his first was with legendary American mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne. International vocal coach Herbert Burtis was in the audience and later wrote of how "a 25-year-old tenor from Angola came on stage and blew us all away with his rendition of Tosti's 'Mattinata.' ... It was a magnificent performance."

At times Nelson seems genuinely astonished, humbled even, by the praise and attention.

"It is because the songs are so beautiful," he says. "If you sing them properly people connect, you make them feel something very special."

At a recent concert in South Windsor, Connecticut, Nelson sang 11 compositions with such melting perfection—beginning with Handel's "Ombra mai fu" and ending with Tosti's "Aprile"—that the audience simply erupted in ecstasy. People just wanted to touch him.

"You filled me with love," one woman said. "I felt transported. God bless you."

The opera world is forever searching for the next Pavarotti, every now and then anointing some dazzling new tenor only to witness him torn in too many directions, pushed so hard he self-destructs.

Those who know Nelson have great hope. He has just gained admission to the Academy of Vocal Arts, the school that rejected him six years ago, the school that has launched numerous stars. As a finalist in the prestigious Gerda Lissner Foundation's international vocal competition, he triumphed in a recent concert in Carnegie Hall.

The expectations are huge, and so is the burden.

Sometimes Nelson finds himself wondering if it is all real, this amazing life he has been given. He wakes up every day wondering if his voice will still be there. And, before every performance, he becomes convinced that when he opens his mouth the notes will not come.

At a winter concert in Lambertville, New Jersey—a glittering event featuring renowned tenor Marcello Giordani, other young singers mingled backstage, warming up, joking. Nelson crouched behind a marble pillar, cradling his head in his hands.

"My voice is no good," he moaned. "I have a cough. I can't do it ..."

An hour later, after stirring renditions of Verdi and Donizetti classics, Giordani announced that the audience was in for a special treat.

Just days before, during a master class in New York, he had heard a voice so impressive, so rare, that he had invited the young singer to join them.

"He is very special," Giordani said. "And he is very, very scared."

Nelson bowed graciously. Then he began to sing—"Ah, la paterna mano," from Verdi's "Macbeth." The famous aria portrays the agony of a man who has just learned his family has been murdered.

Nelson clutched his chest, his face wracked with grief. His pure lyric voice soared through the church.

The ovation was thunderous; the audience was on its feet. Some had tears in their eyes. "Bravo!" they cried. "Bravi!"

Nelson beamed.

"Thank you so much," he said, as people clustered around, begging him to sign programs, praising his talent. Where, they asked, had he learned such passion?

"The voice, that comes from God," he told them. "I come from Angola."

'Hangover' hurls up huge numbers with \$86.5M debut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood's hangover is a lot bigger the second time around.

"The Hangover Part II" hauled in \$86.5 million in its first weekend, putting Hollywood on course to set a new revenue record for the long Memorial Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

From Friday to Sunday, Hollywood's domestic take totaled about \$220 million. Once Monday's receipts are counted, the industry should finish the four-day weekend with around \$270 million, easily topping the \$254.6 million Memorial Day record set in 2007, said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

"The Hangover" sequel did nearly twice the business of the original blockbuster comedy in its \$45 million opening week-

end two years ago.

In its first four days since opening Thursday, the Warner Bros. sequel has taken in \$118.1 million and is on track to finish the long Memorial Day weekend with about \$140 million in the bank.

The first "Hangover" did not hit the \$100 million mark until its second weekend. The movie went on to gross \$277 million domestically.

"The Hangover Part II" reunites stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis as they awake in another haze and attempt to piece together the mayhem of their drunken night in Bangkok, Thailand.

Overseas, the sequel opened in 40 other countries and added \$59 million.

DreamWorks Animation's "Kung Fu Panda 2" opened sol-

idly with a \$48 million weekend, though it came in well below the \$60.2 million debut of the first installment three years ago.

Since opening Thursday, "Kung Fu Panda 2" has pulled in \$53.8 million. Distributor Paramount estimates the sequel will reach \$68.2 million when the holiday weekend closes.

With voice stars Jack Black and Angelina Jolie returning, "Kung Fu Panda 2" follows the menagerie of martial-arts heroes as they face a villain aiming to conquer ancient China with gunpowder and cannons.

"Kung Fu Panda 2" also took in \$57 million in 11 overseas markets, including \$18.5 million in China.

After a No. 1 debut the previous weekend, Johnny Depp's "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" slipped to third-



WARNER BROS. PICTURES/MCT

Bradley Cooper as Phil, from left, Ken Jeong as Mr. Chow, Ed Helms as Stu and Zach Galifianakis as Alan star in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' comedy, "The Hangover Part II," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

place with \$39.3 million. Distributor Disney estimates the sequel's domestic revenues will reach \$163.6 million by the end of the holiday weekend.

"On Stranger Tides" also has taken in nearly half a billion dollars overseas, with its worldwide total through Monday estimated at \$646.5 million.

Director Terrence Malick's

sweeping drama "The Tree of Life" drew huge crowds in limited release, debuting with \$352,320 in just four theaters in New York City and Los Angeles.

That gave the film a whopping average of \$88,080 a theater, compared to a \$23,923 average in 3,615 cinemas for "The Hangover Part II."

"The Tree of Life" stars Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain in the story of a grown son reflecting on his boyhood with his two brothers, saintly mother and loving but domineering father. The film, which won the top honor at the Cannes Film Festival the previous weekend, expands to more theaters Friday.

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Yutaka Takenouchi, Sean McGowan
 Drama • NR

Synopsis

The fall of Saipan during WWII is viewed from Japanese and American perspectives in "Oba, the Last Samurai," an engrossing portrait of Capt. Sakae Oba, whose loyalist band continued fighting for four months after hostilities officially ceased. Carefully balancing Oba's guerrilla campaign with a U.S. officer's mission to flush him out, this handsomely mounted pic captures the mindset of Japanese soldiers and civilians coming to terms with an unthinkable defeat.



Kung Fu Panda 2

Friday thru Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
 Monday 1:00 4:00 7:00
 Tues thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Jack Black, Angelina Jolie
 Children's Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Jack Black and Angelina Jolie return to lend their voice talents to the Kung Fu Panda franchise with this second entry from DreamWorks Animation and Paramount Pictures. Jennifer Yuh Nelson directs from a script by Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger.



The Hangover Part 2

Friday thru Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:40
 Monday 1:25 4:25 7:25
 Tues thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis
 Comedy • Rated R



Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

Friday thru Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00
 Monday 1:15 4:15 7:15
 Tues thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz
 Adventure • Rated PG 13



Priest

Friday thru Sunday 7:10 9:35
 Monday 7:10
 Tues thru Thurs 7:10

Paul Bettany, Cam Gigandet
 Horror, Western • Rated PG 13



Hoodwinked Too!

Friday thru Sunday 1:10 4:10
 Monday 1:10 4:10
 Tues thru Thurs 4:10

Heidi Klum, Wayne Newton
 Comedy • Rated PG



Thor

Friday thru Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:45
 Monday 1:05 4:05 7:05
 Tues thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
 Action • Rated PG 13



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Friday thru Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55
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Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
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HOLLYWOOD NOTEBOOK

By RICK BENTLEY
 MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The first thing J.J. Abrams does after I've joined him at the small table near the Four Seasons Hotel swimming pool is offer me something to eat. I decline.

"You have to eat some chicken. Everyone likes chicken," Abrams says about the small bowl of chicken strips and dipping sauce in front of the writer/director.

I like chicken, but Paramount has given me a limited time to talk to the director about his new film "Super 8." It's one of the most-anticipated movies of the summer I can't waste time eating.

We talk about working with Steven Spielberg on the project, the most difficult scenes to shoot, casting young actors, how the train wreck sequence is the best since "The Fugitive" and how he's too impatient these days to write multiple scripts for TV shows like he did with "Alias." (All of that will appear in a future story).

As I get the signal to wrap up the interview, I remind Abrams the first time we talked was back in 1998. In my review for the launch of his series "Felicity," I said I liked the show but couldn't buy the idea that a modern woman would change her college plans to move across country for a guy.

Abrams called me after the review published. "That was you? I remember making the call and asking you to watch a few more episodes," Abrams says.

I did and the show became a favorite.

It's always nice when I interview someone who knows that I'm going to take anything they say with a grain of salt. After all their main purpose for talking to me is to promote something.

It's safe to say no one has ever said, "My new show is so bad it will increase the rate of TV destruction in America."

The first thing Howie Mandel says during an interview about the new season of NBC's "America's Got Talent" is "this is going to sound like bull because we're here to promote the show. But it isn't. I promise you."

If you can believe his promise, the new season will have a much stronger talent pool.

"There are things that we have never seen before and I promise you that if they are not

winners on our show, they are going to be the big next acts in Las Vegas. They will be bought. They will be signed. They will be huge." Mandel says. "I came this close to seeing almost near death experiences right in front of my eyes, and they were not planned. I don't know if NBC is going to air them."

And that's no bull.

I had a chance to talk with Ken Jeong a few weeks ago while he was filming the season finale of "Community." He was so wrapped up in the episode that I had to remind him how big May was going to be for him.

The "Community" finale would air, he would be hosting the 2011 Billboard Music Awards and his "The Hangover Part II" would be released in theaters—all in less than a couple of weeks.

"That's right. We have been so busy doing the show that I hadn't even thought about all of that," Jeong says.

He has a good reason for forgetting the other entertainment events. No matter what other work comes his way, Jeong calls working on "Community" one of the best jobs in the world.

"I'm a big basketball fan," Jeong says. "I've always thought the best basketball teams are those that can share the ball and the spotlight. And acting on TV and in films is like a basketball, you have to share it. This cast is very unselfish in terms of the glory and attention they get because everyone has their moments."

And Jeong's had plenty of moments in May.

It's easy to think that making movies is just a matter of having fun. Actors show up and get pampered by those who fix their hair, apply their makeup and hand them their clothes.

Cam Gigandet enjoyed working on "Priest," but it wasn't all fun and games. In the film, Gigandet plays the local sheriff who has to help a vampire killer save a fair maiden. The setting's a blend of future apocalypse and the Old West.

"My gun weighed 11 pounds. There were several scene where I would be holding the gun out and my hand would start shaking. By the end of the scene, it was down here," Gigandet says while pointing at the floor. "It was like I was saying 'I will shoot your foot.'"

By the end of the day someone would have to help him hold the gun.

MTV reinvents itself—again—with new generation

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Over the years, one of the last things you'd see on the youth-obsessed MTV was a parent.

Now moms and dads aren't unusual sights, even on the twin totems to wild behavior and its consequences—"Jersey Shore" and "Teen Mom"—that are key to the network's latest resurgence. Many young viewers targeted by MTV have no problem with parents being an active part of their lives, even during rebellious years, and expect their presence on television.

Understanding such generational nuances is crucial to MTV, which has the brutal imperative of reinventing itself every five or six years to appeal to a new group of 12- to 24-year-olds. Their viewers eventually grow up. MTV never can.

The latest reinvention has MTV with its best ratings in five years. The third season of "Jersey Shore" was the network's top-rated show ever, and the second season of "Teen Mom" similarly zoomed up the charts. The challenge now is figuring out how to build on that success and know when to be ready for the next reinvention.

This spring, MTV has steered in a surprisingly traditional direction.

MTV debuts a remake of the "Teen Wolf" series on June 5, brings back "Beavis and Butt-head" later this year, has its own weight loss series for teens and two "Jersey Shore" spinoffs in the works. Between recycled ideas, spinoffs and a new focus on establishing scripted series, MTV's approach feels more like a typical broadcast network than ever before.

MTV viewers "want more from us," said Van Toffler, president of MTV Networks Music/Films/Logo Group. "They expect more from us."

Toffler, who has been with MTV since 1986, and newly appointed network president



From left to right, actor Colton Haynes, actress Crystal Reed, actor Tyler Posey, actress Holland Roden, and Actor Tyler Hoechlin arrive at the MTV series premiere of "Teen Wolf" in Los Angeles on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Stephen Friedman, at MTV since 1998, have survived its ups and downs over the years. The latest cycle began with the expiration of "Laguna Beach" and "The Hills."

After a reasonably successful first season of the reality competition series "Paris Hilton's Best Friend," the second season proved disastrous.

"The audience checked out," Friedman said. "You saw them not believing it. We found out they wanted something more honest. The manufactured reality felt phony to them."

After all, how many BFFs can you really have, even if you're Paris?

A couple of years ago MTV Networks acquired rights to a short reality series, "World's Strictest Parents," and it was put on the CMT network. MTV decided to run a few episodes, too, and was surprised at how many people watched. At the same time, MTV's head of reality programming had seen statistics about a rise in teen pregnancies and the series "16 and Pregnant" was born in spring 2009.

"Jersey Shore" began in a completely different form, as a pilot of a competition series for VH1. It was retooled into what now exists and MTV knew just

by the way people were talking about promotions for the new series that it had a potential hit.

"When you get a little bit scared," Toffler said, "you know something might work."

"Real World," a series that has been on MTV for two decades and had grown a little tired, suddenly found its feet again commercially and creatively. A Washington-based season proved stale, and moving to Las Vegas for another edition increased the personal drama and fun. (Season 12 of the series, in 2002, also took place in Las Vegas and was one of the show's highest-rated seasons.)

MTV viewers are interested in the rites of passage—such as young people moving into their first apartments and getting jobs in "Real World"—that are relatable yet more entertaining than their own lives, Friedman said. "We're looking for the lives of our audience amplified," he said.

"They did a really good job of doing a lot of research on their consumers and figuring out what is resonating with them," said Maureen Bosetti, an executive vice president at ZenithOptimedia, an ad buying and research firm. "I think it shows in the programming, and that's why they have hits like 'Jersey Shore.'"

Another key moment for MTV was the Video Music Awards incident in 2009 when Kanye West questioned Taylor Swift's award-worthiness onstage, an episode that exploded through social media. Toffler said MTV had been grappling with how to deal with social media, and came to see it through West's outburst as a means rather than an end: Social media can be a boon to the company if it has the content people want to talk about.

Blessed with success, MTV is looking to spread the "Jersey Shore" franchise with two spinoffs. In one, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and Jenni "JWoww" Farley buy a new house together; the other focuses on what disc jockey Paul "DJ Pauly D" DeVecchio's life is like. Neither project has air dates yet.

For MTV and other networks, taking advantage of a huge success in this manner is like holding your hand close to a fire. You can be warmed or burned, and it can all happen very fast.

"They've seen these ups and downs throughout their history—these big highs and then it all comes crashing down," Bosetti said. "You don't want to overexpose anything and you don't want to have too much of a good thing, because it will burn out."

Lonely mother-in-law suffers consequence of critical past

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My wife is a wonderful woman who did a great job of rearing our large family, but our house was often too cluttered to suit my mother who, in those years, was judgmental and critical of my wife.

Years later, things have changed. My father passed away, the kids are grown and gone, and my mother is growing more lonely and needy every day. She now wants to spend time with us, but because she never developed a close friendship with my wife, my wife tolerates her but doesn't welcome her.

I love them both, but I'm becoming frustrated having to constantly choose and juggle schedules so I can keep Mom's feelings from getting hurt. Abby, please tell mothers-in-law to build bridges while they can. Someday it may be too late. But any advice for me?

SPREAD THIN IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR SPREAD THIN: Your cautionary tale deserves space in my column. When your wife joined the family, instead of building bridges, your mother dynamited them. It's not surprising your wife feels the way she does at the prospect of spending time with her mother-in-law. Of course, while some degree of compromise is necessary, your mother should also be encouraged to find activities and contemporaries whose company she can enjoy without expecting you to entertain her. And the person to do that is you.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my mid-40s. Over the years I have diligently exercised, eaten right and taken good care of my skin. I keep my hairstyle and clothing up-to-date.

I am constantly taken to be much younger than I am. While some of my peers may be jealous of this "problem," I find it extremely annoying. It's especially bothersome in a business situation when someone my age or slightly older treats me as though he/she could be my parent.

I am not inclined to broadcast my age. Is there a professional way to deal with their condescending attitude?

LOOKS YOUNGER, BUT ISN'T

DEAR LOOKS YOUNGER: Yes. First, take the chip off your shoulder. Then recognize that your colleagues may not be condescending; they may be trying to be helpful. Accept the suggestions they offer without becoming defensive. The more of themselves these "mentors" invest in you, the happier they'll be about your successes.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of almost a year and I have discovered a great technique to avoid screaming at each other in an argument. When we get aggravated with each other, one of us goes to the refrigerator, takes out one of our favorite candy bars (we keep a supply in there) and we split it. By the time we're done eating the candy, we can calmly discuss our disagreement.

This helps because we literally take a break from the situation and share a mutual joy. It works because we both love chocolate so much. We wanted to share this solution with your readers.

SWEET TOOTH IN ANGLETON, TEXAS

DEAR SWEET TOOTH: Ingenious. The two of you have discovered yet another reason why chocolate is good for the heart. I hope as time goes by you'll sustain a high level of compatibility because otherwise you're going to weigh a ton.

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Calif. could require condoms in porn

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Porn performers in California would be required to use condoms in sex scenes if draft rules from state workplace safety officials advance out of the proposal phase.

Cal/OSHA officials provided the Associated Press with a 17-page draft proposal that contained sometimes graphic details of the bodily fluids, waste matter and other materials that porn actors must protect themselves against to avoid infection.

The draft is to be discussed at a public meeting in Los Angeles on June 7 and would later go to the state's Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board for a ruling on whether it becomes part of state code.

The seven-member body is appointed by the governor and tasked with rulemaking to en-

sure safe and healthy workplaces in the state.

The draft says porn producers must provide and require "use of condoms or other barrier protection to prevent genital and oral contact with the blood or (any other bodily fluids) of another person."

The draft specifies that condoms can't be reused, cannot be expired, or used with multiple partners. Performers wouldn't be allowed to share razors under the rules. And employers would have to keep sex toys clean.

The producer would also have to ensure that body areas contaminated with bodily fluids are cleaned between sexual acts with the same or different partners under the draft rules.

The draft also makes rules for employers to provide medi-

cal services and follow-up for all employees who have been exposed to possibly infectious materials. The draft also calls for sex workers to be provided with vaccines for human papilloma virus and hepatitis B.

Employers would have to provide showers to performers and follow rules on how laundry contaminated with human fluids must be handled.

The proposed change in rules comes in response to a complaint filed in 2009 by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, calling on the state to require condoms in porn.

Since the complaint, Cal/OSHA has been meeting with stakeholders to discuss implementing a more specific rule.

Cal/OSHA has said they always believed porn performers fall under the same section of

state workplace safety law that requires nurses to wear protective gear to spare them exposure to blood-borne and fluid-borne illnesses, but the law has never been made specific to porn sets.

The AIDS advocacy group has called for the use of condoms in porn, saying that actors were in unsafe situations and they glamorized risky sex for audiences.

Vivid Entertainment founder Steven Hirsch has said that such moves could force filming to leave California, causing a blow to the multi-billion porn industry that has many operations in the San Fernando Valley.

Hustler Video head Larry Flynt has said audiences don't want to see actors using condoms because it interrupts porn viewer fantasies with a reminder of disease prevention and birth control.

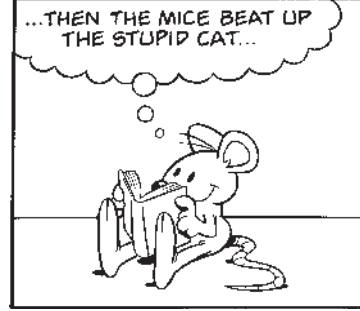
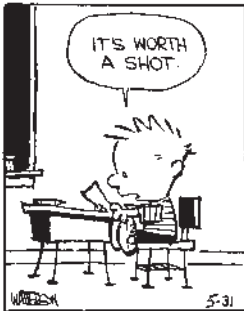
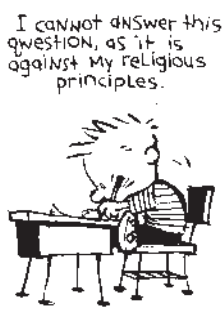
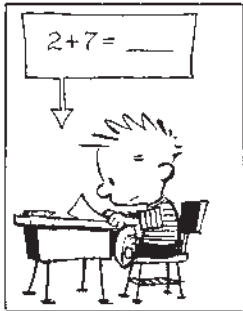
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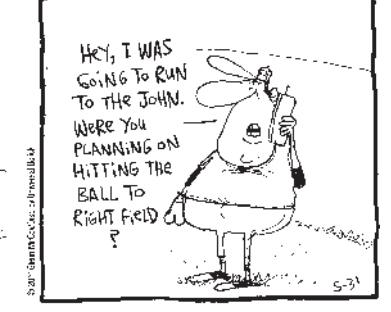


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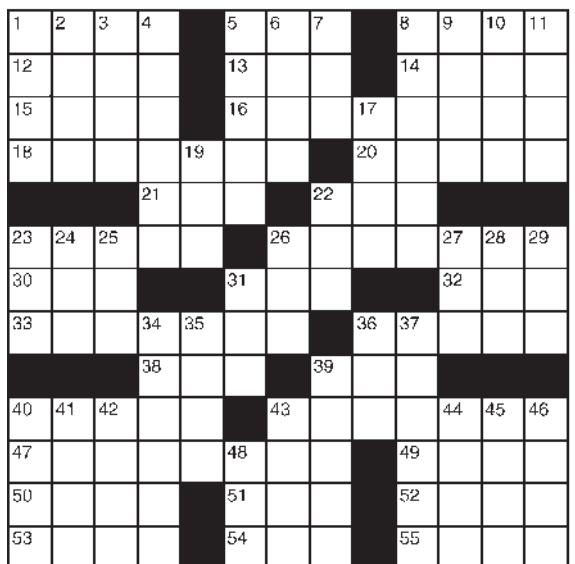
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Learning from experience will help you reach your goal without having to take so many detours. Avoid deception but don't give away your secrets. You'll walk a fine line but steady progress can be made. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be all revved up when it comes to personal matters. Project a positive, aggressive attitude. Network to hook up with personal and professional people you want to spend more time with in the future. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have a lot to think about and to consider with regard to money, contracts and medical issues. Don't neglect anything that can alter your status, your life or your position. Discipline will be required if you want to maintain what you've worked so hard to acquire. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the initiative and play a greater role in helping and assisting causes and people you believe in. Don't be threatened by change; it's

necessary if you want your current situation to evolve into something bigger and better. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't step on someone's toes or you may find that your job or life as you know it is in jeopardy. You may welcome change but be very careful what you wish for. Protect what you have. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have plenty to offer to say and to do. Don't wait for an invitation to take charge. Your ability to express your opinions persuasively will win a following. Travel and gaining experience should be your top priorities. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Serious consideration should be given to your financial situation. Fixing up your home or buying and selling possessions you have will work in your favor; don't waste time procrastinating. Do whatever is necessary now. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be drawn to certain people for different reasons. Your intuition is good and will guide you to those who can offer you the most through a business or personal partnership. There is a change developing and you want to be positioned to take on whatever develops. ★★★

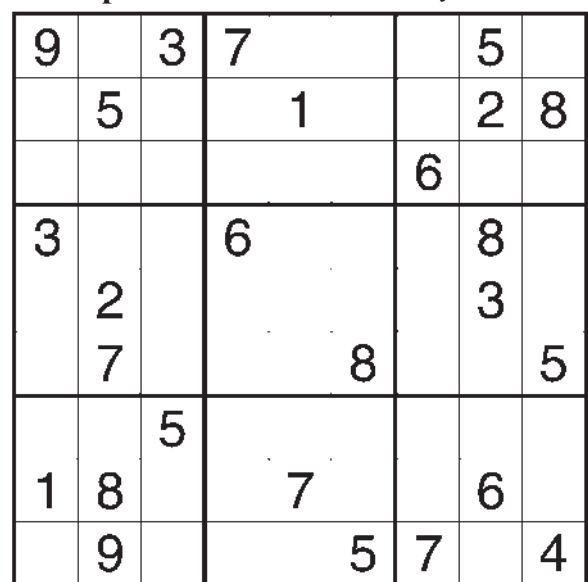
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A window of opportunity is apparent both personally and professionally.

Get more involved in the social networks and develop a good relationship with people who share your interests and can offer you insight and guidance. Don't let emotional issues hold you back. ★★★

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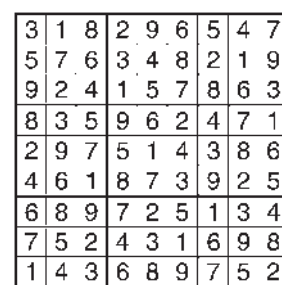
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need to interact more with both your personal and professional contacts. Socializing in order to get ahead will work wonders for you when it comes to business ideas and advancement. Keep things simple; your biggest fault will be going overboard. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll find it difficult to listen to good advice. Before you discount what someone who cares about you has to say, remember the past. A problem with a friend, lover or superior in your life must be avoided. ★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Good things will come to you if you rely on past experience and friends to help you get ahead. Focus on your goals and accept whatever changes are required to get what you want. Give and take will help you win at the end of the day. ★★★★★



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By DAVID OUELLET

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Hellickson steers Rays past Indians

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—Jeremy Hellickson pitched seven scoreless innings to steer the Tampa Bay Rays to a 7-0 win over the Cleveland Indians in the American League on Sunday.

Hellickson (6-3) had six strikeouts to make it five wins from six starts.

John Jaso hit a two-run homer off Justin Masterson (5-3) as Tampa Bay went ahead 4-0 in the fourth. Ben Zobrist had an RBI grounder, and Sam Fuld hit a run-scoring infield single in a three-run fifth that extended the Rays' lead to 7-0.

Red Sox 4, Tigers 3, first game Tigers 3, Red Sox 0, second game

In Detroit, Justin Verlander took a shut-out into the eighth inning as Detroit beat Boston to get a split of a day-night doubleheader.

Verlander (5-3) went 7 2-3 innings, throwing a career-high 132 pitches. The pitch count matched the highest by a Tigers pitcher since 1996.

In the opening game, David Ortiz had a homer in the ninth inning off Jose Valverde (2-2) to lift Boston to victory.

Yankees 7, Mariners 1

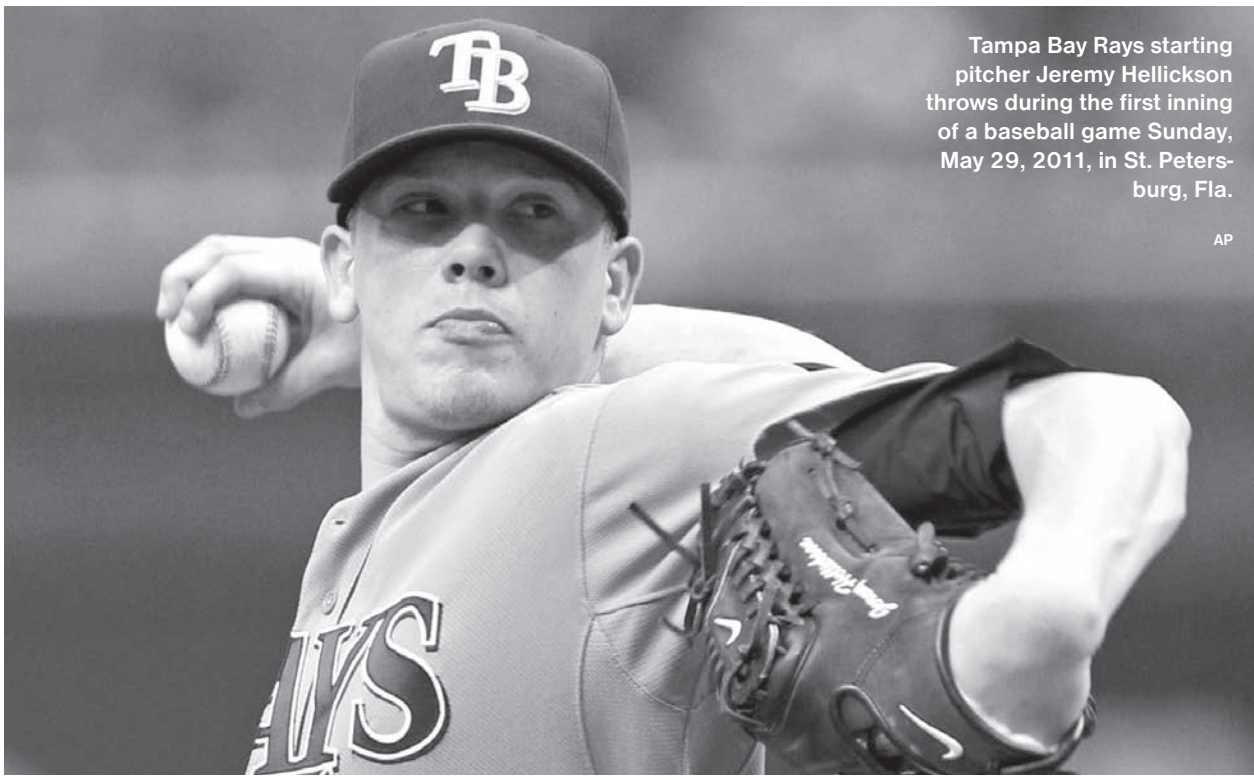
In Seattle, C.C. Sabathia allowed only one run in eight innings as New York avoided a three-game sweep against Seattle.

Sabathia (6-3) only conceded a solo homer in the sixth. He won his sixth straight start against the Mariners and improved to 8-1 in 11 starts at Safeco Field. He's gone at least eight innings in his past three starts—all wins.

Blue Jays 13, White Sox 4

In Toronto, Aaron Hill hit his first career grand slam and Corey Patterson added a two-run shot as Toronto routed Chicago.

Patterson went 4 for 5 with three RBIs and has nine hits in two games. Edwin Encarnacion also homered for Toronto, which had a season-high 18 hits.



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Jeremy Hellickson throws during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 29, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

AP

The White Sox have lost three straight.

Rangers 7, Royals 6

In Arlington, Texas, Mike Napoli slid under the catcher's attempted tag with two outs in the ninth inning, giving Texas a come-from-behind victory over Kansas City.

Nelson Cruz led off the ninth with a tying home run off Joakim Soria (3-2), who has blown four saves in 11 chances.

Athletics 6, Orioles 4

In Oakland, the hosts completed their first three-game sweep of the season, downing Baltimore.

Josh Willingham hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the fifth inning and Daric Barton added an insurance run for the A's in the sixth.

Angels 6, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Erick Aybar had three hits and three RBIs to help Los Angeles

edge Minnesota.

Angels starter Dan Haren (5-3) earned his first win in six weeks, giving up three runs and just one walk in six innings. Scott Downs got the Angels out of a two-on, no out jam in the seventh inning.

Mets 9, Phillies 5

In New York, Jose Reyes tripled twice for the third time this season and a refreshed Josh Thole had three hits and three RBIs as the New York Mets enjoyed a rare offensive outburst in a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Reyes had four of New York's season-high 17 hits, and Jonathon Niese (4-5) didn't allow an earned run against a makeshift Phillies lineup. Daniel Murphy matched a career high with three hits.

Brewers 6, Giants 0

In Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo allowed four hits in eight innings to win his fifth straight start as the Brewers wrapped up an 8-1 homestand.

Gallardo (7-2) retired 14 in a row before allowing a single to Aubrey Huff in the seventh. San Francisco didn't have a runner in scoring position until two outs in the eighth.

Padres 5, Nationals 4

In Washington, Ryan Ludwick had three hits and two RBIs, including a go-ahead infield single in the ninth inning, while Brad Hawpe had two hits and two RBIs as San Diego edged Washington.

Pinch-hitter Jorge Cantu broke an 0-for-13 slump with a double to right off Drew Storen (4-2). With two outs, Ludwick grounded a ball up the middle that bounced off shortstop Ian Desmond's glove for a hit. Cantu barely beat Desmond's throw home.

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Xavier Nady hit a two-run double in the eighth inning, helping Arizona rally to a victory and a series sweep of Houston.

Arizona has won six straight road games and 14 of 16 overall. Nady's go-ahead double off Jeff Fulchino (1-3) gave the Diamondbacks their first lead. Juan Miranda followed with an RBI single for a two-run cushion.

Cardinals 4, Rockies 3

In Denver, Kyle Lohse pitched six solid innings to match a major league high with his seventh win and Jon Jay hit a two-run homer, helping St. Louis hold off Colorado.

Colby Rasmus added a solo shot, and Yadier Molina had a run-scoring single for the Cardinals, who went 6-3 on their road trip.

Dodgers 8, Marlins 0

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw pitched a two-hitter for his second shut-out and complete game in the majors, Rafael Furcal hit his first home run of the season and drove in three runs, and Los Angeles routed Florida.

Kershaw (6-3) struck out 10 and walked one and was supported by the Dodgers' season-high 17 hits. Florida's only hits off the 23-year-old left-hander were a leadoff single in the second by Omar Infante and a wind-blown double by Logan Morrison leading off the seventh.

Cubs 3, Pirates 2

In Chicago, Aramis Ramirez ended a long home run drought as Chicago beat Pittsburgh in a game delayed by rain at the start.

Ramirez's solo shot in the second inning broke a streak of 155 at-bats without a home run, the second longest stretch of his career. Ramirez went 170 at-bats between homers from Aug. 2, 1998, until April 21, 2000.

Braves 2, Reds 1

In Atlanta, Jair Jurrjens (7-1) outpitched Johnny Cueto (2-2) and Martin Prado hit a two-run homer as the Braves beat Cincinnati, putting an end to the Reds' damaging road trip.

Prado also helped on defense by throwing out Paul Janish at the plate in the eighth inning to protect the lead. Janish tried to score from second base on Brandon Phillips' single to left field.

Djokovic, Federer close to French Open showdown



PARIS (AP)—His 43rd consecutive victory complete, Novak Djokovic ripped off his white baseball cap,

pivoted to look up at his parents, coach and other supporters in the stands, then let out a yell.

It was the sort of visceral reaction one might expect at the conclusion of a taut, tense contest, not the rather routine 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 result the second-seeded Djokovic assembled Sunday at the expense of No. 13 Richard Gasquet in the fourth round of the French Open.

"I didn't expect it to be easy, that's for sure," said Serbia's Djokovic, who briefly addressed the crowd in French, drawing laughter and cheers. "Maybe the scoreline says differently, but I really ... had to work."

Each match carries extra meaning these days for Djokovic, whose winning streak began with two Davis Cup victories in December and is the third longest since the Open era began in 1968. Now 41-0 in 2011, he's one win shy of John McEnroe's mark of 42-0 in 1984.

"As soon as he hits a return, he grabs you by the throat," said France's Gas-

quet, a former top-10 player and 2007 Wimbledon semifinalist who was supported by a partisan crowd Sunday. "To beat him, you need to produce the perfect match and not make any mistakes."

Roger Federer's opponents over the years know that feeling, too. The 16-time major champion moved a step closer to a semifinal showdown against Djokovic by overwhelming No. 14 Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-2, 7-5, reaching the quarterfinals at a record 28th Grand Slam tournament in a row.

Federer next faces No. 7 David Ferrer of Spain or No. 9 Gael Monfils of France, whose fourth-round match was suspended in the fourth set because of darkness. Djokovic meets 49th-ranked Fabio Fognini of Italy, who set aside a left thigh injury that left him immobile and erased five match points to beat Albert Montanes of Spain 11-9 in the fifth set.

"I have to be honest. I didn't think I could win the match," Fognini said. "I couldn't move. I couldn't serve."

Djokovic saluted Fognini in Italian via Twitter, writing about his pal's "big victory" and "mental strength."

While the elite men are still around—

on Monday, No. 1 Rafael Nadal, No. 4 Andy Murray and No. 5 Robin Soderling try to join Djokovic and No. 3 Federer in the quarterfinals—chaos continues in the women's draw.

No. 3 Vera Zvonareva, runner-up at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, lost the last five games and was defeated 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-2 by No. 14 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia. Zvonareva's exit followed those of No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki in the third round, and No. 2 Kim Clijsters in the second, making this the first French Open—and only third Grand Slam tournament—in the Open era with none of the top three seeded women in the quarterfinals.

The past two French Open champions remain, though: 2010's Francesca Schiavone got past 10th-seeded Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; and 2009's Svetlana Kuznetsova was a 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2 winner against No. 28 Daniela Hantuchova, who eliminated Clijsters.

There is no dominant figure at the moment in the women's game, in part because Serena Williams has been off the tour for nearly a year because of a series of health problems, and Justine Henin is retired.

"Everyone is (saying) that we don't really have a leader right now in (women's) tennis, because, it's, like, up and down, I mean, in terms of results," said Pavlyuchenkova, a 19-year-old never before past the fourth round at a major tournament. "It's not like No. 1, or top five, are winning, like in (men's) tennis."

Indeed, Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have won 23 of the past 24 Grand Slam titles.

Djokovic's contribution to that total came at the 2008 and 2011 Australian Opens. He's long been known for his sublime two-handed backhand, service returns and movement on court. Lately, he's improved his serve and fitness (the last thanks to a gluten-free diet he refuses to discuss in any detail).

He's only lost serve twice through four matches at Roland Garros, and against Gasquet saved all three break points. Djokovic also broke Gasquet four times and hit more than twice as many winners, 34-16.

"He plays fast. He hits the ball really early. His return is colossal," Gasquet said. "He's got no weakness."

Prodded at his news conference to

name an aspect of his game he'd like to improve for the tournament's second week, Djokovic said he's pleased with his current level and hopes to be able to maintain it.

After improving to 9-1 against Wawrinka, his doubles partner when they won a gold medal for Switzerland at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Federer was asked about whether he—or, say, Djokovic—ever feels unbeatable.

"You'll definitely feel invincible at times, like with certain players who you have a great record against. ... We definitely go into the match thinking, geez, something really crazy has to happen today (for me to) lose," said Federer, whose record run of 23 straight major semifinals ended at last year's French Open.

"The trickier part," he added, "is, all of a sudden, you think, 'I'm winning so much, eventually it's going to snap that streak.' That was the trickier part for me; when everybody started to talk about it, the more there was talk, the more likely it was going to happen. It's kind of tough to keep your head down and just focus, really."

The 24-year-old Djokovic appears to have mastered just that, even with so much attention and pressure on him each time he steps on court.

Spoelstra is Miami's calming influence



MIAMI (AP)—The photos of the greatest night in Miami Heat history are still on the walls of the arena where they play. Erik Spoelstra is grinning, bottle of beer in hand, the T-shirt he donned amid that championship celebration at Dallas in 2006 soaked by champagne.

To this day, that shirt remains in his possession, never been washed.

"I'm not going to tell you where that is," Spoelstra said. "What, are you going to steal it from me?"

He has the chance to add another soaked shirt to that collection now, having led the Heat back to the NBA finals again—against the Mavericks, ironic both in that sense and in that Dallas was the site for perhaps this season's most challenging moment.

It was Nov. 27, the Heat were about to lose for the eighth time in 17 games, and Spoelstra was marching angrily onto the court after calling a time-out in the third quarter. LeBron James walked past him, sending his right shoulder into Spoelstra's right shoulder.

Bumpgate, it was dubbed.

Bumpgate, it turned out, was only a bump in the road. Despite widespread speculation otherwise, Spoelstra's job was never in any danger. And since that night, the Heat have the league's best record—riding that wave all the way to home-court advantage in the NBA finals, which open against Dallas on Tuesday night.

"From Day 1, we've had a high level of confidence that Spo's a good coach," Heat owner Micky Arison said. "Pat's had full confidence in him. I've had full confidence in him. We knew that this would be an unbelievable challenge. ... And what is amazing to me is how even-keeled he was throughout the season."

Players have largely the same reaction to the work Spoelstra has turned



Miami Heat basketball coach Erik Spoelstra talks to the media after a practice session in Miami, Sunday, May 29, 2011.

in this season.

"He's done great," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "Coach Spo's done great. He's the same, man, no matter what, and we appreciate that because we know what we're going to get from him."

Never was that more appreciated than when things seemed on the cusp of breaking down in November.

From the onset of this season, Spoelstra told those around him, told the Heat players as well, that becoming a championship unit—even with guys like James, Wade and Bosh in tow—would take time, and that it would start with a commitment to defense.

He called it "The Process," and at times, the process was painful, especially on that night in Dallas.

"The infamous 'Bumpgate,'" Spoelstra said. "That was a good starting moment for LeBron and I, just from

the standpoint that we both realized, 'Hey, this is bizarre, the spotlight and the story lines that are developing with this team.' The two of us seemed to be a lightning rod for it. We understood we're in this together and the only way we'd all figure this out is if we got on the same page."

They got there. And now the 40-year-old is four wins away from delivering a championship.

Spoelstra's rise is well-documented. He started in the Heat video room around the same time as Pat Riley, now the team president, was taking over the basketball operations side of the franchise, neither of them ever envisioning what would transpire over the next 15 years or so. When Riley retired as coach for a second time, he made the long-assumed move of tapping Spoelstra as his successor.

Spoelstra won 43 games his first season, 47 in the second, and was a key part of the group that hit the road last summer in an effort to woo Wade, James and Bosh, somehow getting them all. Building a relationship with James took time, but it's clear that the coach and the player have never been closer—especially important now that the stakes are so high.

"I knew my communication with the head coach had to become better," James said. "Seventeen games into the season, it wasn't as great as it is now, of course. It's definitely grown. It should grow."

That process started moments after that loss, in a long players-only meeting in Dallas. Two days later, James and Spoelstra sat down in Miami, not to so much clear the air but simply to try and learn more about each other and

exchange some ideas.

Starting right then, the Heat ripped off 21 wins in their next 22 games. And Miami—with Spoelstra at the helm—is one of only five NBA teams (Dallas is among that group) to increase its victory total in each of the past three seasons.

"He's done a terrific job," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said Sunday in Dallas. "The road he's taken to where he is now, he's done it the right way, by paying dues and absolutely earning everything he's got."

Overall, since 'Bumpgate,' the Heat are 61-19. And now, a finals shot awaits for the man who took what Riley built, kept the same framework but has clearly shaped it to his own vision—all with the blessing of his boss.

"He's way far ahead of me in this stage of his career," Riley said after the Heat won the Eastern Conference title.

There was a time when Spoelstra, like most assistants, would send Riley notes with their ideas. Nowadays, Riley is the sounding board for Spoelstra.

When things were rough during a five-game slide earlier this season, Riley walked Spoelstra up to his office after the game to share a bottle of wine and tell some stories. Spoelstra walked out feeling better. The losing streak ended not long afterward.

They are alike in many ways: Riley used to use blue cards to jot down ideas, which he'd file into thick binders, and Spoelstra uses a similar system. But Spoelstra is not merely a clone, either.

The Heat are Spoelstra's team, and these finals may well be his time, too.

"He's definitely put his stamp on it," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said. "I'm sure coach Riley has input here and there, but he runs this team and this ship the way he wants to run it. He takes input from the players as well, but ultimately he makes the final decisions. And we pretty much do things his way."

Keegan Bradley wins Nelson in playoff over Palmer

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Walking down the 18th fairway during a playoff and realizing he was about to get his first PGA Tour victory, Keegan Bradley got emotional thinking about a cowbell.

The one that is in the World Golf Hall of Fame. The one his grandmother rang after every win by his famous aunt, LPGA Tour great Pat Bradley, whose 31 victories included six majors.

"It was like pull it together, don't start thinking about the cowbell," Keegan Bradley said. "The cowbell in my family is an iconic thing."

Bradley settled himself and won the Byron Nelson Championship, paring the first hole of a playoff with Ryan Palmer on Sunday. Bradley sank a 2-foot par putt at the 419-yard 18th hole in the playoff, while Palmer's approach went into the water before a 13-foot bogey putt.

Bradley, a PGA Tour rookie who never won on the Nationwide Tour, got his first professional victory nine days before his 25th birthday. He looked forward to talking to his aunt.

"She is a lot calmer on the golf course than she is watching me. I'm sure she was by the TV going crazy," Bradley said. "I talk to her regularly through text messages and phone calls

about tournaments and what it's like to come down near the end. ... This is the closest thing we ever had in common in terms of playing."

About an hour before the playoff, Bradley finished his closing round of 2-under 68 with a par at No. 18, dropping into a squat and hopping a few times in frustration when his 10-foot birdie chance slid by the hole.

Palmer (72) and Bradley finished at 3-under 277, the highest winning score on the PGA Tour this year - and the highest in relation to par in a non-major since 1999. It was the fifth playoff in six weeks and 10th overall.

Palmer forced the extra hole with a 6-foot putt at No. 18 for only the second birdie there all day. When that putt dropped, Palmer punched his right fist in the air and then raised both arms over his head.

Bradley and Palmer then played No. 18 again, both going way right with their tee shots to start the playoff.

Tournament volunteers quickly dismantled and moved a temporary lemonade stand to give Bradley, a Vermont native who played at St. John's, a line of sight to the green and avoid the necessity for a drop.

Bradley's approach was danger-



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ously close to sliding off the side of the green into the water, but stayed up. Palmer went in the same direction but his ball didn't stay dry.

"I had a clear punch shot but it's so easy to hit it left when I'm trying to hit a punch like that, and it squared left a little bit," he said. "Then my putt, just wanted to tease myself a little more, I guess. But I got into the position to win the golf tournament and that's all I can ask for."

On the 172-yard 17th hole, Bradley sank a 12-foot par-saving putt and responded with an emphatic fist pump. After Bradley tapped in his par putt at No. 18, third-round leader Palmer was in one of the five groups still playing.

Bradley then sat for a few minutes before going to the practice range to prepare for a playoff that almost wasn't necessary for him to become the PGA Tour's sixth first-time winner this season.

"It was funny. I was really, really nervous and then when (Palmer) made the birdie I calmed way down,"

Bradley said. "I felt my heartbeat slow down. I calmed down."

Ryuji Imada (71) and Joe Ogilvie (70) finished a stroke back at 2 under. Imada bogeyed three of his last four holes after getting to 5 under.

Defending Nelson champion Jason Day (67) was fifth at 1 under, the last player under par this week at TPC Four Seasons. There were brutal scoring conditions, particularly for both weekend rounds when the wind was sustained at 25 mph with gusts howling near 40.

After Palmer blasted from a greenside bunker to 3 feet for a birdie at the 523-yard 16th hole to get back to 3 under, he gave that stroke right back when he missed a 7-foot par putt at No. 17.

Imada was 5 under after his 11-foot birdie putt trickled in at the 170-yard 13th, then blasted out of a greenside bunker to inside a foot at 14th to save par. He missed a 3-foot par chance at No. 17 and then was unable to save par again out of a bunker on the closing hole.

"Obviously I was a little nervous out there. I haven't been in that position in a while," said Imada, whose only victory was three years ago. "I didn't finish off like I wanted to, so it definitely leaves a sour taste in my mouth. But overall I played well."

Sergio Garcia, the 2004 Nelson champion who hasn't won since 2008 and hasn't locked up spots this year in the U.S. Open and British Open, began the day one stroke off the lead and in the final group.

Garcia missed a 4-foot par putt on the opening hole, then slammed his putter down on his bag walking off after his bogey putt. Things only got worse from there on way to a closing 77. He had a double bogey at the par-4 fourth hole after needing four shots to go the final 12 feet—his first chip rolled back to his feet and he ended with a double bogey.

Day, the runner-up at this year's Masters, had his fourth top-10 finish in his last five tournaments.

After a bogey-free front nine with three birdies to get to 1 under for the tournament, Day was even par over a seven-hole stretch without a par on any of the holes. His birdie at No. 10 got him to 2 under before consecutive bogeys, a birdie, a double bogey and then consecutive birdies.

Bradley's playing partner was local teenage amateur Jordan Spieth, who had a rough finish. The 17-year-old player closed with two double bogeys and two bogeys for a 7-over 77 to finish at 6 over and tie for 32nd. That was 10 strokes higher than he shot last year at TPC Four Seasons, when he tied for 16th.

‘The Crank’ goes for purple belt in World Jiu-Jitsu Championships

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 Saipan’s Frank “The Crank” Camacho is gearing up to compete in the United States Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation’s 2011 World Jiu-Jitsu Championships set from June 2 to June 5 at California State University in Long Beach, California.

This year, Camacho will be competing in the men’s Adult Purple Belt Medio division with Gi, equivalent to the middleweight fighting class (181 lbs).

Similar to a kimono, a Gi is a uniform worn by a practitioner of martial arts.

Last year’s Blue Belt Medio gold medalist is still training under Master Lloyd Irvin as part of the Lloyd Irvin M.A. Academy near the Washington, D.C. area in Camp Springs, Maryland. According to Camacho, he has been training hard virtually every day for months in preparation for this week’s test.

A total of 83 competitors make up




Frank Camacho, second from left, celebrates on the podium after winning the Blue Belt Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Mundials World Championship-Medio Division gold medal last year at California State University.

this year’s Medio Purple Belt field, which also includes Camacho’s teammates Adam Delbrugge and De Alonzio Jackson.

Camacho recently celebrated his

22nd birthday and also mentioned on his website, www.crankeffect.com, possible plans to return to fighting later this year, however nothing has been confirmed.

22 teams compete in Blue Haus caging

 The 2011 Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League will kick off tonight at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The league will have 22 competing teams divided into three pools. The list includes JPPC, Price Costco, Inchcape,

Wings Travel, Cel-Pro, Jacem Printing, N.V.M., Civic-1, 8th Division, Saipan Askla, Marianas Water, Counter Boys, Star Water, D.L. Cooking Gas, Meken, Life Force, Isip, Fashion, Lyn’s BBQ, Konflikt, Mutombos, and Armatech.

Games will be played only every Tuesday and Thursday and each team

will play in a round-robin elimination.

The league will have its opening game at 5pm with the first match to be determined via draw.

Part of the proceeds from the league will be donated to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

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ong and third placer Simon Manacop.

Leong led the 26-player field after 11 games when he tallied 2,194 pin-falls. Manacop was second with one game left, as he earned 2,161 pinfalls, while Zapanta was behind at third with 2,137.

Leong lost the lead and the title when he mustered only 172 pinfalls in Game 2, while Manacop dropped to third overall, after carding 198 in the last game. Zapanta’s 269 was the best in Game 12 and also his highest in the tournament.

The eventual May Masters champion also posted more than 200 pinfalls in Games 3 (204), 5 (216), and 9 (242). He had 173 and 192 in Games 1 and 2

and tallied 188, 190, 191, 183,170, and 188 in the rest of games for an average of 200.50. He was the lone bowler in Sunday’s tournament to record an average of at least 200 pinfalls per game. Leong had a 197.17 average, while Manacop nailed 197.58.

Zapanta was awarded a trophy for his feat and received \$800. Leong and Manacop pocketed \$400 and \$225, respectively, while cash prizes were also given to fourth placer Ed Baluyan (2,262 pinfalls), fifth placer Ruselle Zapanta (2,243), and sixth placer Bernard Paraiso (2,231). Last year’s champion Alex Castro finished at 18th place.

In the women’s division, Cal is back on top after losing for two straight years.

Cal, who won the May Masters in 2007 and 2008, had a 12-game total of 2,205 to beat 16 other female keglers.

Cal started strong in the Saturday tournament with her 217 and 201 in Games 1 and 2 and finished in style with a tournament-best of 223 in Game 12 for a 207-pinfall win over Gina Sablan (1,998). Cal also knocked down more than 200 pins in Game 11 with her 221 for an average of 183.75 pinfalls per game. Her other scores were 155, 174, 172, 180, 152, 154, 164, and 192 and she went home with a trophy and \$400 cash.

Sablan failed to score more than 200 pinfalls in any of the 12 games, logged an average of 166.50, and settled for the runner-up prize of \$200. Rounding out the Top 5 were Gloria Omechelang (1,985), Diana Camacho (1,931), and Yho Villavicencio (1,903).

Results of the other competitions in the three-day event will be published in *Saipan Tribune’s* Wednesday edition.

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extra set and more than three hours to finally pull off a 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 victory.

It was Park’s third straight three-set game in the singles event, as he clinched the first semis seat in the division after eking out a 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 triumph over top seed Carl Dela Cruz last Sunday and also won against Colin Ramsey in the quarterfinals, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. Cajigan had an easier Final Four victory, downing Moris Villanueva in the semifinals of the lower half draw, 6-3, 6-4, and sweeping Seiya Eda in his first match, 6-2, 7-6.

Yesterday’s boys U15 singles title game was the lone championship match stretched to third set as eventual champions Rafael Jones, Michael Ren, Mikayla Lopez, and Thea Minor only took two sets to thwart their respective foes.

In the boys U18 finals, Jones defeated Daniel Park, 6-2, 6-1, while Thea Minor shut out older sister Theecel in the girls finals, 6-0, 6-0, to successfully defend their titles.

In the girls U15, Lopez reasserted her mastery over Melody Johnson, notching a 6-3, 6-3 win in the finals yesterday. Lopez also prevailed over Johnson in the DFS tournament’s U14 singles title match last year, 6-1, 6-1.

Completing the list of this year’s singles champions were Michael Ren, Carol Lee, Tania Tan, and Steven Goodwin.

After a hard-earned 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 semis win over Alex Park in the boys U12 singles, Ren had a dominating game in the finals against Luther Lizama, cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Lizama had a similar 6-0, 6-0 semis triumph over Michael Jones, but went flat against Ren in the finale.

In the round-robin girl U12 singles,

Carol Lee went undefeated in three games to clinch the championship. She topped Liza Atalig in Week 1, 6-0, 6-1, defeated Isabel Heras last Sunday, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), and completed a sweep with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Julia Ishikawa yesterday. Heras finished second in the group with her 2-1 card.

In the girls U10 singles, Tania Tan downed Mimi Sakano in the finals yesterday, 8-2. Tan made it to the championship game after an 8-2 triumph over Ami Tsukagoshi last Sunday. Sakano booked the second finals berth after surviving Malika Miyawaki in the other semis pairing, 9-8 (9-4).

In the boys U10 singles, which also used the pro-set scoring, Steven Goodwin won over Robbie Schorr in the finals, 8-6. Goodwin marched into the semis after an 8-6 win against Mondo Taniguchi, while Schorr followed suit after defeating James Hourican, 8-5.

mates tightened up their defense in the second to win the finals.

Paire was awarded a perpetual tro-

phy after the game. Joining Schroeder in receiving the championship trophy were Connie Camacho, Herber, Roxie

Rotary caging meeting set Thursday

An organizational meeting for the upcoming 2011 Rotary Club of Saipan Youth Basketball League is set for Thursday, June 2, 5:30pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said competition in both boys and girls divisions in the 12-and-under, 15-and-under, and 19-and-under age groups will be open.

For more information in the up-

coming Rotary caging, email BAN-MI officials Elias M. Rangamar at eli_rang@yahoo.com and Abner Venus at bulik29@yahoo.com.

Businesses and interested supporters who would like to contribute and be a part of the longest-running youth basketball development program in the CNMI can also contact BAN-MI’s Gabriel White at 234-6548 or email awaawaa@hotmail.com. *(Walter Cepeda-Sutherland)*



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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	23	.566	—
New York	28	23	.549	1
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	1 1/2
Toronto	27	26	.509	3
Baltimore	24	27	.471	5

Central Division

Cleveland	31	19	.620	—
Detroit	26	26	.500	6
Kansas City	23	29	.442	9
Chicago	24	31	.436	9 1/2
Minnesota	17	34	.333	14 1/2

West Division

Texas	28	25	.528	—
Los Angeles	28	27	.509	1
Oakland	27	27	.500	1 1/2
Seattle	26	26	.500	1 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Philadelphia	33	20	.623	—
Florida	30	21	.588	2
Atlanta	30	24	.556	3 1/2
New York	24	28	.462	8 1/2
Washington	22	30	.423	10 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	32	22	.593	—
Milwaukee	29	24	.547	2 1/2
Cincinnati	27	27	.500	5
Pittsburgh	24	27	.471	6 1/2
Chicago	23	28	.451	7 1/2
Houston	19	34	.358	12 1/2

West Division

Arizona	29	24	.547	—
San Francisco	28	24	.538	1/2
Colorado	25	27	.481	3 1/2
Los Angeles	24	30	.444	5 1/2
San Diego	22	31	.415	7

Yesterday’s Games

N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 5
San Diego 5, Washington 4
Arizona 4, Houston 2
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 0
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 4, Colorado 3
L.A. Dodgers 8, Florida 0
Atlanta 2, Cincinnati 1
Boston 4, Detroit 3, 1st game
Detroit 3, Boston 0, 2nd game
Toronto 13, Chicago White Sox 4
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 0
L.A. Angels 6, Minnesota 5
Texas 7, Kansas City 6
Oakland 6, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 1

BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Leading scores Sunday from the Byron Nelson Championship, a PGA Tour event on the par-70, 7,116-yard TPC Four Seasons Resort Course:

FINAL ROUND

x-Keegan Bradley (500), \$1,170,000	66-71-72-68—277
Ryan Palmer (300), \$702,000	65-67-73-72—277

x-won on first playoff hole
a-connoted amateur status

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The win against Rota in the Big League gave Saipan a 4-0 record in the district tournament as last weekend, the Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. bets also ruled the Junior, Senior, and Major divisions of the competition.

Meanwhile, CNMI District Administrator James Ada thanked all the participating teams, their coaches, officials, and parents for making the

three-day event possible. Ada also extended his appreciation to the people of Rota, the event’s overall chairman Efren Atalig, acting mayor George Hocog, Rota Little League president Sandy Masga, Tinian Little League president Ike Aquininoc, SLLB’s Annie Flores, and all volunteers and umpires.

“We thank the residents of Rota for their great hospitality and congratulate all the teams for giving their best in the tournament,” Ada said.

Pritchard, Linda Anastacio, Amber Roberts, Temary Gramlich, and Leanne Loan.

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NMIFA Women’s 11 A Side Spring League

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



MP United's Nola Hix, right, uses her knee to keep the ball away from Paire's Roxie Lamar.



Paire's Patricia Coleman, left, kicks the ball during the second half of their game against MP United.



Paire's Priscilla Norman, left, leaves the pitch for Nicole LeBlanc.



Paire's Amber Roberts in action during the first half of their game against MP United.



Members of Paire Football Club pose with their championship trophy after beating MP United, 2-1, in the NMIFA Women's 11 A Side Spring League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



MP United's Betty Johnson hits the ball.



Members of the MP United Club pose for a group photo after their title game against Paire.



MP United goalie Rachel Masga catches the ball.



MP United's Carrie Schuler, right, dribbles against Paire's Roxie Lamar.



MP United's Jenn Backhaus uses her legs to keep the ball.



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Jones lifts Saipan to shutout win

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Saipan completed a sweep in the 15th Annual CNMI District Tournament after the Big League All-Stars blanked Rota in the finals, 7-0, yesterday morning at the Liyo Baseball Field in Songsong.



Joshua Jones delivered the goods for the Saipan All-Stars, pitching in no relief in seven innings and allowing no walks and only three hits. Jones also had an impressive 18 strikeouts to beat the host for the second time in its home field. On offense, Juan Maratita went 2-for-3 for the visitors, scoring two runs and one RBI.

The Saipan All-Stars downed Rota in their first meeting on Saturday, 15-4. Rota then battled Tinian for the last finals berth on Sunday and prevailed, 14-6, to arrange a rematch with Jones and company.

In their second duel, the Saipan Big League All-Stars were still in top form en route to posting an easy win and gaining a slot to the 2011 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, which the Philippines will host from June 26 to July 1.

The Saipan Big League All-Stars started slow in the rematch, making only one run in the first four innings before a five-run top of the fifth gave them leverage. Rota had an even tougher day at the field against Saipan's ace pitcher, as the best the host could do was reach second base in the third inning.

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Natibu Northern Stars' Joshua Jones, seen here pitching against the Ol'Aces in the Big League game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, led the Saipan All-Stars to a 7-0 win over Rota in the 15th Annual District Tournament yesterday at the Liyo Baseball Field in Songsong.

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May Masters champions Ron Cal, left, and Raymond Zapanta pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony for the 29th CNMI May Masters Tournament last Sunday at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

Raymond, Ron top May Masters

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Raymond Zapanta claimed his first May Masters title, while Ron Cal ended a two-year drought after ruling the 29th CNMI May Masters Tournament over the

weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Zapanta finally won the annual tournament after more than five years of competing in the event, as he collected 2,406 pinfalls in 12 games. A 269-pinfal performance in Game 12 gave Zapanta the championship against 2008 titlist Richard Le-

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Paire clinches women's championship

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Paire Football Club gave Rebecca Schroeder a perfect sendoff gift—a championship.

Schroeder and company defeated MP United in the finals, 2-1, to rule the 2011 NMIFA Women's 11-A-Side League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The weekend match was the last for Schroeder, who will be leaving Saipan for Oregon in a few weeks.

"This was memorable game, as it was my last with Paire. I thanked my teammates for staying together and playing in every match. I will definitely miss them," Schroeder said.

"I will miss the entire club, as I've been part of it for more



Paire Football Club's Rebecca Schroeder kicks the ball during the second half of their title game against MP United in the NMIFA women's league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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than five years. I just hope that the club will continue to grow, especially the women's division. Please, continue playing and sharing your skills with others," Schroeder said.

Besides playing for Paire, Schroeder also coached the club's youth squads before and even led clinics for newcomers. She played for the CNMI Women's National Team for several times, serving as goalie.

"I will also miss my teammates on the CNMI Women's National Team. I hope they do well in future tournaments," the Paire goalie said.

Paire defeated MP United in last weekend's finals after scoring one goal apiece in the first and second half. Megan Herber made both goals.

Natalie Hill recorded the lone goal for MP United in the first half to tie the game before Schroeder and her Paire team-

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Chris Cajigan, seen here chasing the ball during his and Carl Dela Cruz's doubles match against Daniel Lim and Aaron Lee last Saturday, defeated Chris Park in the boys U15 singles finals of the DFS tournament yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Two in a row for Cajigan

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REPORTER



Chris Cajigan won anew his rematch against namesake Chris Park, prevailing in their three-set finale in the boys U15 singles

division of the 2011 DFS Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Cajigan and Park duelled in last year's U14 championship of the same tournament with the former winning in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4. In their second face-off, Cajigan needed an

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